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FOREWORD

This book is a nucleus of suggestive material for teachers of dancing who wish to make their classes for children instructive play and formative activity.

The material which it contains is a beginning on natural lines of the study of dancing and is intended to be added to and developed by the teacher in accordance with the needs and tastes of classes.

The book is sent out by its collaborators with the hope that it may be of practical help to teachers of dancing and may give to their pupils some hours of happy, creative play.

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MARCH OF THE LITTLE BRIGADE

(Adapted)

- I. March round the room single file, any number of measures.
- II. Form Twos. Number two steps up beside number one, number four beside number three, etc.
- III. Form Fours. Couple number two steps up beside couple number one, etc.
- IV. March forward four abreast, 8 measures. Side step to left, 8 measures; Backward march, 8 measures; Side step to right, 8 measures.
- V. March forward four abreast. First boy and first girl east off right and left and followed by the others, march round room, meet at lower end of room and march down centre two by two, every other couple falling in behind.



- - Couple number two, who are now in number one's place, wait 4 measures, then cast off and go below the couple who have just moved forward and continue down the line. The figure may be continued until the leaders are again in place.
- VII. Counter march outward, right and left; counter march inward and back to places...32 measures
- VIII. Leaders east off right and left and followed by the others, march round room, as leaders meet at opposite end of room, they pass right shoulders and come back. Repeat at top of room.

Fig. 1



MARCH OF THE LITTLE BRIGADE

IX. As leaders meet the third time, they come forward followed by the others, two by two. At top of the room, they cast off right and left and go down, at far corners of the room they turn at a sharp angle and march diagonally forward to the centre of room, the two lines crossing, boys and girls alternating as they cross.

Fig. 2



Repeat, as in Fig. 2, until centre of the room is again reached, there, touch elbows and march out to upper corner of room.

Fig. 3.

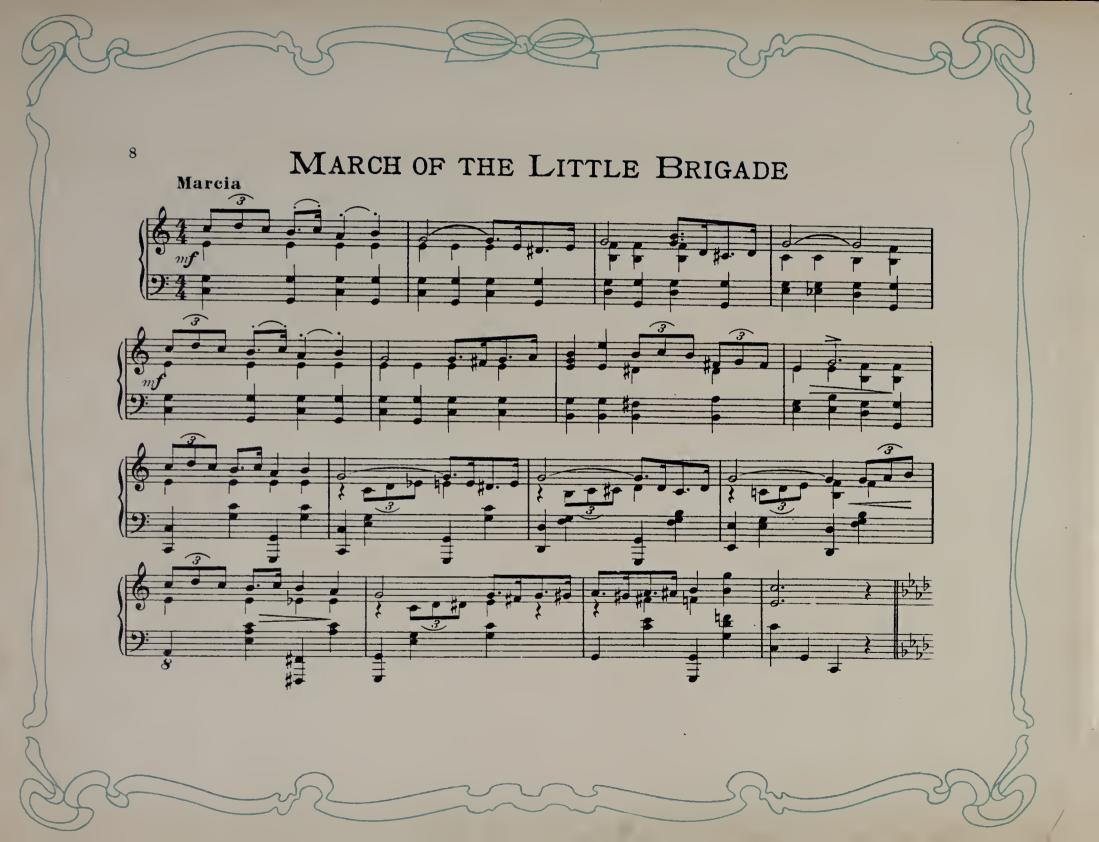


Leaders cast off right and left, go down to meet partners and march forward down centre two by two. Every other couple casts off right, the remaining couples, left, go down and return four abreast.

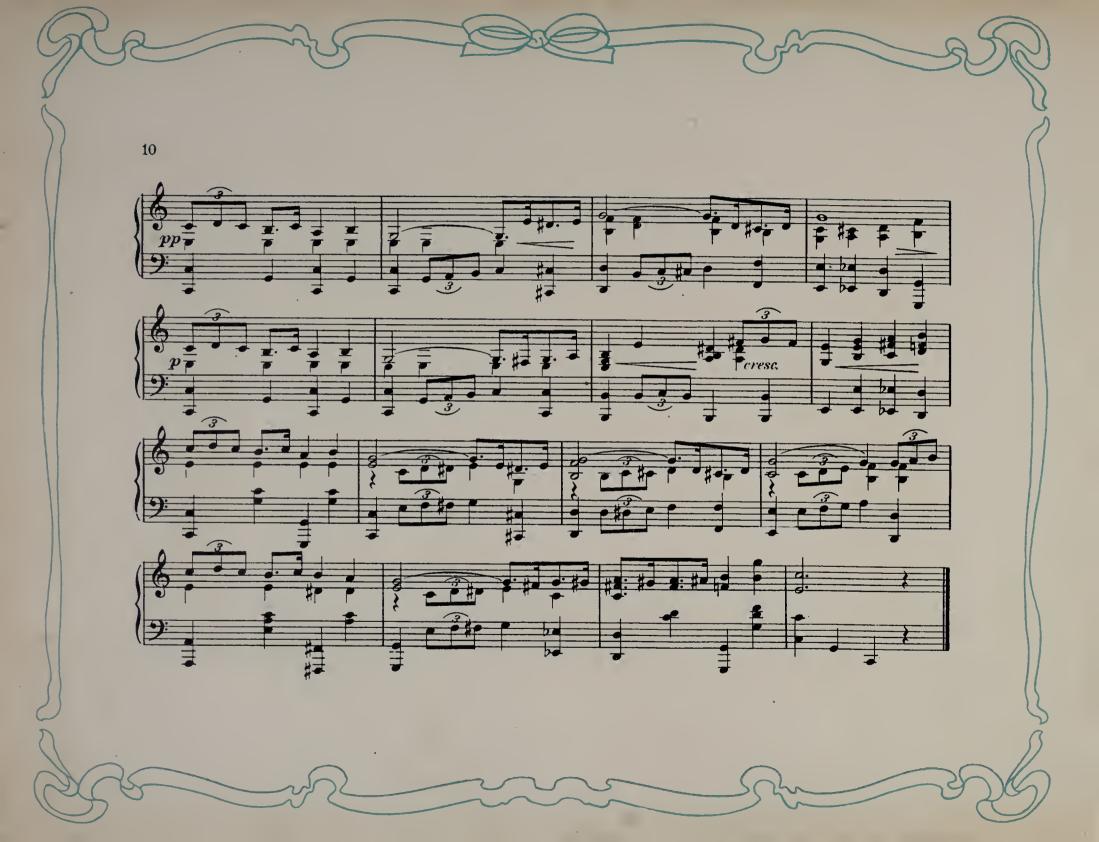
Halt and break ranks, or repeat the casting off, returning in twos, then in single file.

As the marching goes on, an imitation of drums and fifes may be given.





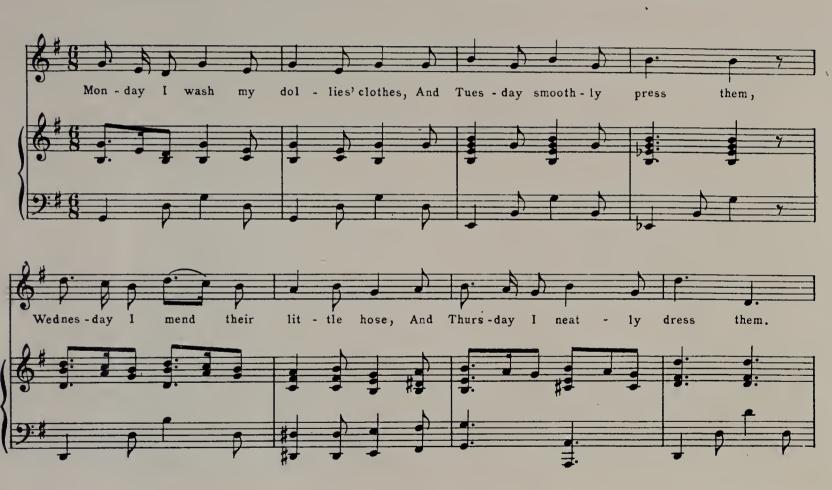


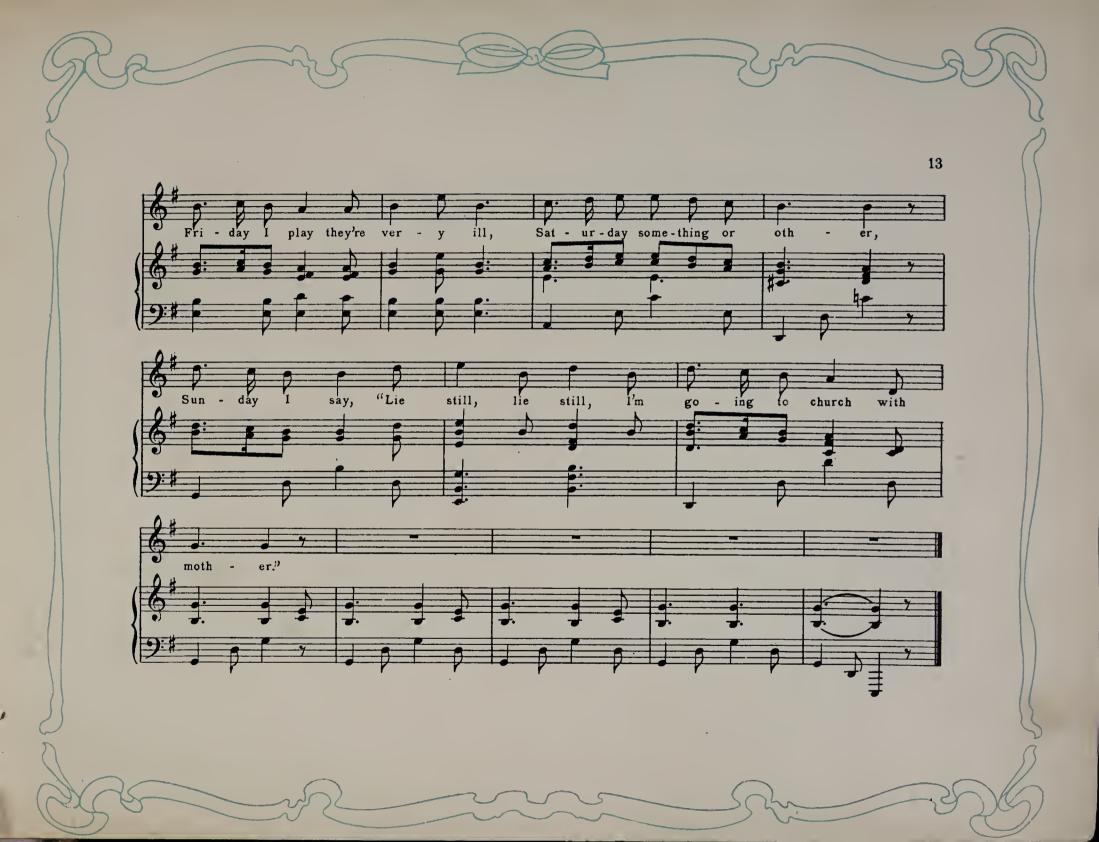


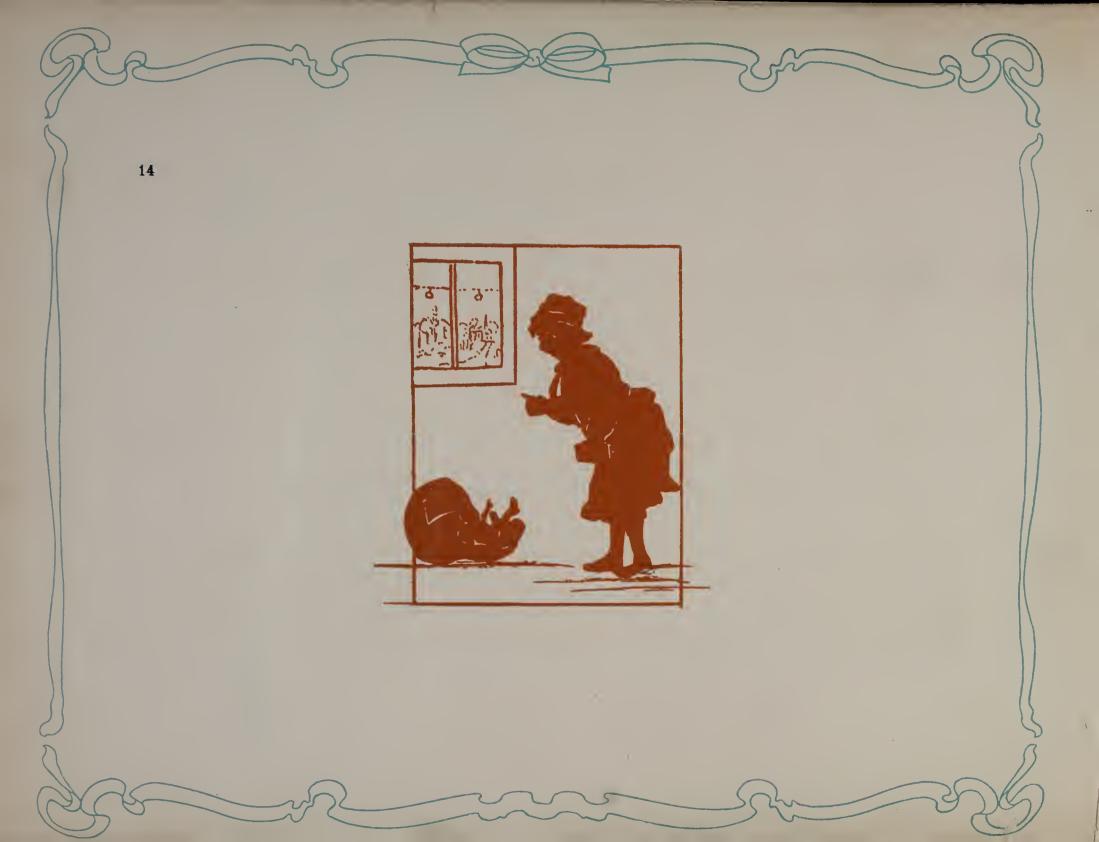
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Monday, I Wash My Dollies, Clothes









THE BEES

For very little children.

The step used throughout: A little running step, stepping on each beat of the measure.

Choose one child for the Queen Bee and several children to represent flowers. The children representing flowers may each choose the flower they would like to be. The remaining children are bees.

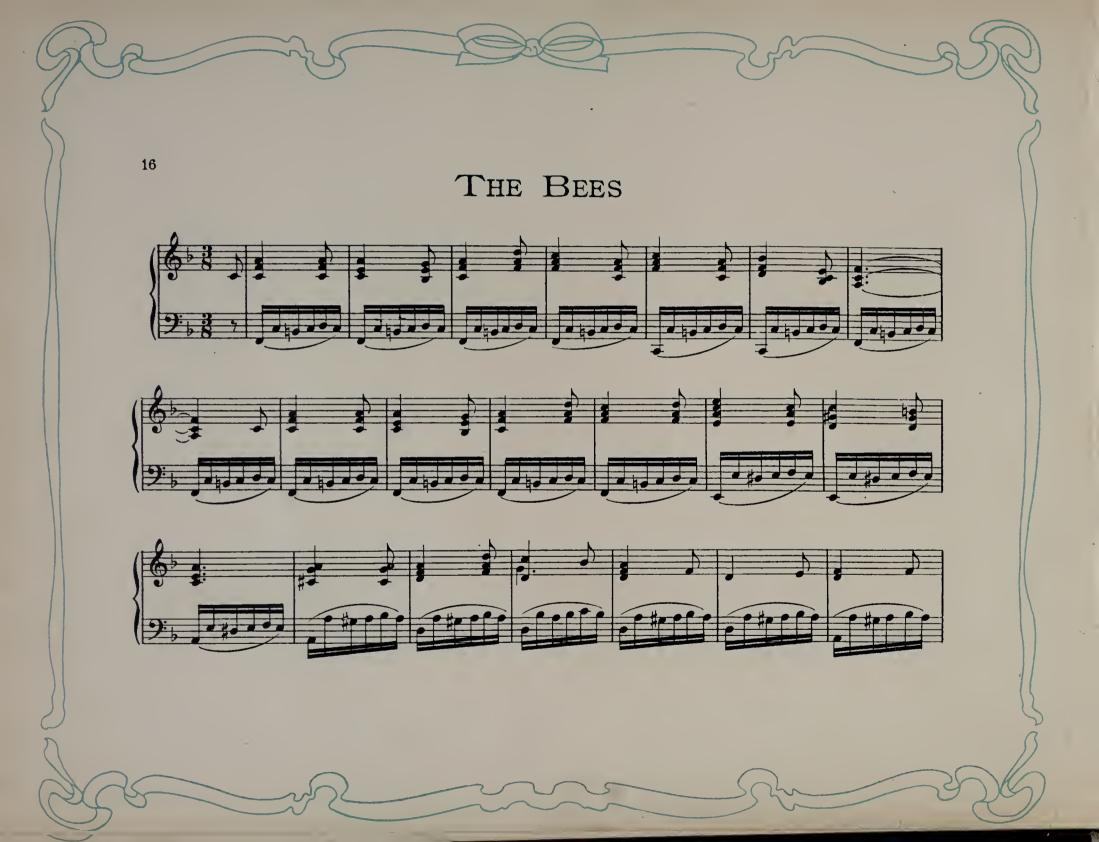
The Queen stays in the hive surrounded by the bees. When the music begins, the bees fly away, flitting from flower to flower, gathering honey and buzzing as they go. They fly back to the hive with the honey and then go for more. Continue the play as long as the interest lasts.

THE BEES, as a game

Tag.

The Queen Bee is "it". The bees cannot be tagged if they are touching a flower. At frequent intervals, change about and let the children who have been the flowers, be the bees.







THE BEARS 18 For very little Children. Have each child choose which of the three bears he would like to bc, then place the children in groups of three. While the story is told the bears wait until a journey is reached. Then the story stops and the music begins. With slow, lumbering steps, bodies swaying and arms swinging, the groups of three bears travel to any part of the room they desire. When the music stops the story is taken up again. Each journey requires eight measures of music. In telling the story, substitute the names of places familiar to the children for those used in the story. The Three Bears You have heard the song, haven't you, about the three bears that "went over to Charleston to see what they could sce"? There are 696 verses to the song and each one says that there were THREE bears, and that the place they went to was Charleston, and that the reason they went there was "to see what they could see." But even after the six hundred and ninety-sixth verse, one does wish to know what the bears looked like, and what it was they saw, and what they did after they had been to Charleston. How many did you say there were? Three? Yes, three. And the first was a little, black, Japanese bear and the second was a white, polar bear about twice as big as the little, black, Japanese bear, and the third was a big brown cinnamon bear at least twice as big as the little, black, Japanese bear and the white polar bear put together. And when they went to Charleston, the little, black, Japanese bear went ahead,—sumph-slumph-and the white, polar bear came next,—sumphslumph—and the big brown, cinnamon bear came behind,—sumph-slumph. And of course, when they got to Charleston, they went to a hotel and the little, black, Japanese bear liked it pretty well because they gave him excellent rice cakes and nicely flavored fish; but the white polar bear could not get his bath cold enough and his coat was too heavy for the climate; and the big, brown, cinnamon bear thought he would rather climb mountains, he had never cared especially for the coast. So in a few days they left Charleston and went to the Hot Springs to see what they could see. And the little, black Japanese bear went ahead,—sumph-slumph—and the white polar bear came next-sumph-slumph—and the big, brown, cinnamon bear came behind-sumph-slumph. And of course at the Hot Springs, the white, polar bear was still hot, still very hot, and the little, black, Japanese bear could not get his rice cooked to suit him, and though the big brown cinnamon bear made some excursions into the mountains, he hardly found the climbing difficult enough to suit his abilities. So they went away, the little black Japanese bear going ahead—sumph-slumph—and the white, polar bear coming. next—sumph-slumph—and the big, brown, cinnamon bear coming behind—sumph-slumph—until they came to Atlantic City.

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And there the white, polar bear went in bathing but he found it very warm. And the little, black, Japanese bear liked the shops, but the fish was not as good as he had in Charleston. And the big, brown, cinnamon bear had said before that he did not care for the seashore.

So they went away. And the little, black, Japanese bear went ahead,—sumph-slumph—and the white, polar bear came next—sumph-slumph—and the big brown cinnamon bear came behind—sumph-slumph—.

And probably they went to a great many other places, but by and by they came to New York, and there they were awfully in the way. And the New Yorkers said, "We can't have three bears blocking the traffic, take them somewhere else." So they took them to Bronx Park and the white, Polar bear was given a pond with a cake of ice in it, and the little, black Japanese bear had the best meals of fish and rice cake that he had since he had left Charleston, and the big, brown, cinnamon bear was given a big, rough rock with a cave in it all to himself.

After that, the three bears did not go about any more trying to see what they could see, but a great many people go to see them. You can go to see them too, any nice day that you can persuade someone to take you to Bronx Park.



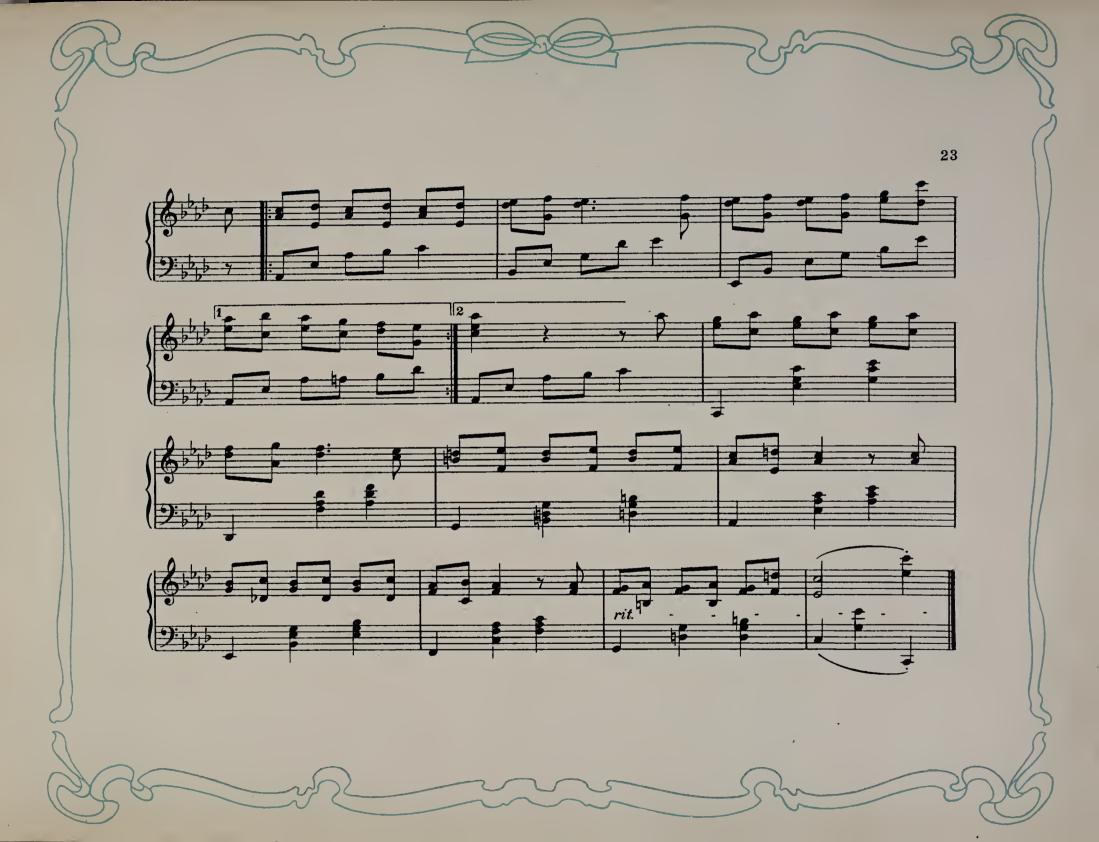




BUTTERFLIES

For	mation: A ring, any number of couples.		
I.	All join hands and with little running steps (one step to each beat of the measurc,) go round clockwise Repeat, going round counter- clockwise	8 8	measures measures
II.	All drop hands and give right hands to partners, facing out. Lead out with 6 running steps Change hands, turn and run back All turn partners, 12 running steps	2	measures
	Repeat all	8	measures
III.	All face centre and join hands, 6 running steps toward centre	2	measures
	6 running steps back	2	measures
	Run round the circle counter-clockwise	4	measures
	The second time the circle is made clockwise.	0	measures
IV.	Girls all go in and make a ring and with 12 running steps go round clockwise	4.	measures
	All turn partners	4	measures
	Boys go in and make a ring and go round counter-clockwise	4	measures
	All turn partners	4	measures
V.	All join hands and go 6 running steps toward centre		
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	4 waltz balance steps facing partners	4	measures
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	6 running steps lockward	2	measures
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	Bow to partners	2	measures





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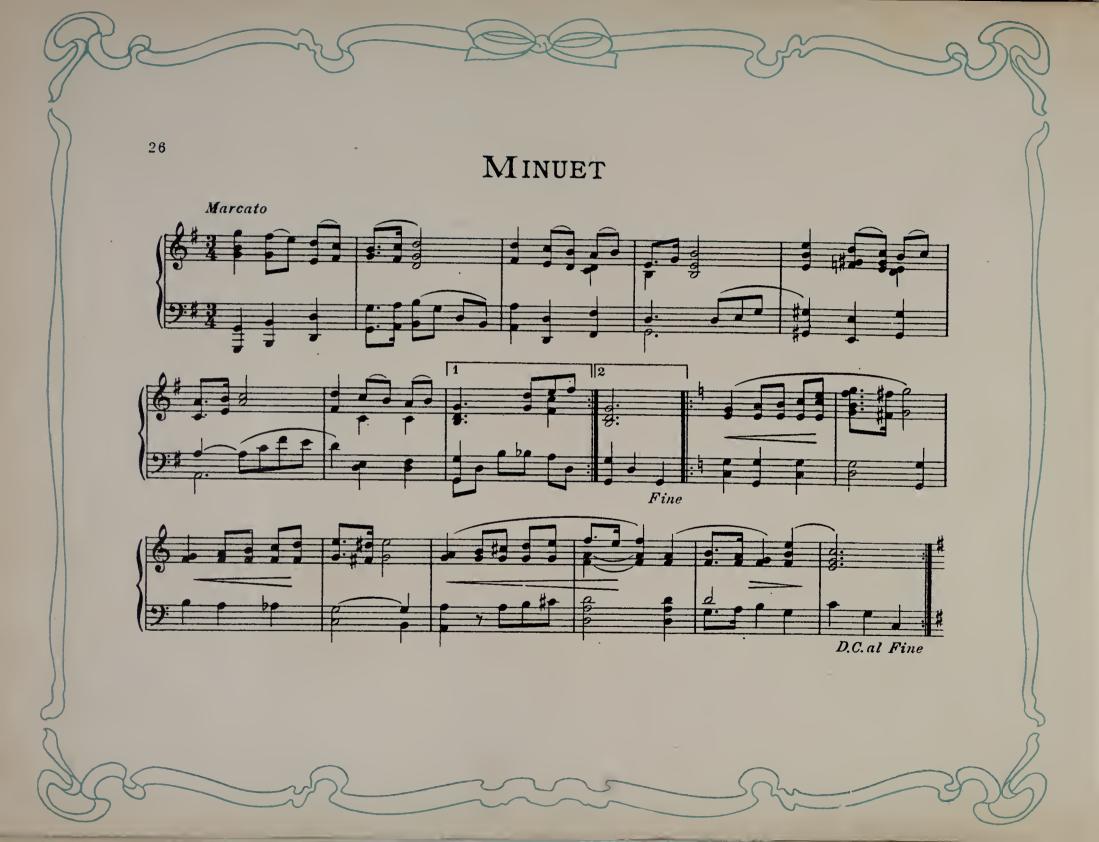
	Description Steps.
Minuet Step	
	(1), bring left foot up, take weight and cut the right foot out on (2),
Minuet Courtesy	
Step to right on (1), step left foot forward on right foot (1), step	across back of right (2), bend both knees very low (3), rise, weight ep to left (2), heels together (3)2 measur
The Bow	
Step to right (1), bring left foot to	right (2), bend body forward (3), step to left (1), bring right foot to left 2 measur
Unfinished Courtesy	
Step back with the free foot and l	oow (1-2), transfer weight to forward foot (3)1 measur
	Description of Minuet
Set of eight, longways.	
Introduction All face up and begin right foot. Minuet step forward	
Girls courtesy, boys bow to partne	rs2 measur
Fi	gure I.
4	Give right hands to partner and step forward on right foor (1), bring left foot to heel of right and bend knccs (2), step back dropping hands (3)



Give right hands to partner and step forward on right foor (1), bring left foot to heel of right and bend knccs (2), step back dropping hands (3)	ieasurc
Boys and girls both make unfinished courtesy	ieasure
Join right hands and change places with 3 walking steps, facing partner on third step	1easurc
Unfinished courtesy	ieasurc
Repeat all beginning left4 m	ieasures

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Figure II.	
All face forward, inside hands joined. First boy and first girl drop hands and followed by the other	
couples, cast off and with minuet step, go down outside of set	measure
Courtesy to partners.	measure
Fourth couple is now in first couples' place. First boy and first girl join inside hands and return to places, followed by the others	
All face partners and courtesy	measure
	measure
Figure III.	
First boy and second girl join right hands; first girl and second boy, third boy and fourth girl third girl and	
iourth boy, do the same and with six walking steps go round to apposite places	measures
Change and give left hands and 6 walking steps back to places.	measures
Courtesy to partners.	measures
Figure IV.	
First and second boy face; third and fourth boy face; first and second girl face; third and fourth girl face. All give right hands and pass, give left hand to the next persons met and pass, right hands to the next,	
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Give left hands to partners and 6 walking steps to change places.	measures
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Figure V.	
Courtesy twice to partners 4 measures	
All face up, inside hands joined, 6 walking steps forward 2 measures	
Courtesy, facing front 2 measures	
2 measures	



THE STEAM CARS

For very little children.

Description of step used throughout.

Slide right foot forward (1) Slide left foot forward (2).

1 measure

Continue without taking the feet from the floor, keep the rhythm whether fast or slow.

Let one child be the engine; one, the engineer; one, the coal-ear; one, the fireman; four or five, the baggage car; one or two, pieces of baggage; four or five, the passenger car; two or three, passengers.

All stand in a long line in usual train order, right hands resting on right shoulder of child in front.

The music begins slowly, then grows faster and faster, the train following the rhythm.

The train slows down as it nears the station. The first station comes at the end of 8 measures.

The music now stops and the train stops with the music.

Some of the passengers get off, some of the baggage is put off.

The train goes on again, 16 measures to the next station. The journey continues until all the baggage is delivered and all the passengers have reached their destinations. Then the engine and cars go to the ear-house.

Another train may then be formed, the children changing places in taking the parts.

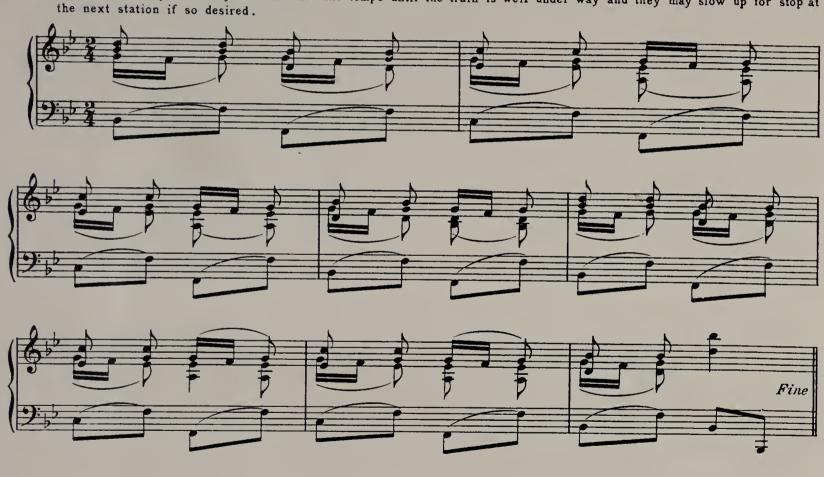


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STEAM CARS

Note:- This may start quite slowly and increase the tempo until the train is well under way and they may slow up for stop at the next station if so desired.





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GAVOTTE

Formation: Set of Six, longways.

I.(a.)	Partners join right hands, facing up, lead forward 4 steps	1	
	Fall back 4 steps.	1	шеавите
	Girls courtesy, boys bow	9	measure
	Partners join left hands and face down, lead down 4 steps		
	Fall back 4 stcps.		
	Girls courtesy, boys bow		
(b	.) Boys turn out facing left wall and followed by the girls, take 4 steps forward 4 steps back	. 1	measure
	Girls courtesy, boys bow	2	measures
	Girls turn out and face right wall and followed by the boys, go forward 4 steps		
	Go back 4 steps		
	Girls turning to face boys on last count. Girls courtesy, boys bow	2	measu r es
Ħ.	First boy and first girl cast off and with 4 gavotte steps go round outside of couple number two, meet, and passing between couple number two, go back to places		Meggures
	First boy and first girl join right hands and with 3 walking steps change places		
	First boy gives left hand to second girl, while first girl gives left hand to second boy, and with 8 walking steps they change places		
	First couple is now in second couples place. First couple repeats the whole figure with third couple.		
	Second couple now begins and repeats the figure with third couple and first couple	16	measures
	Third couple begins and repeats the figure with first couple and second couple	l6 1	measures

III.	All take two slow steps forward toward centre.	l measure
	First boy and third girl join right hands; first girl and third boy; second boy and second girl join right hands. All take 4 gavotte steps half way round	4 measures
	Two slow steps back to places	1 measure
	Girls courtesy, boys bow	2 measures
	All 2 slow steps toward the centre	1 measure
	Join left hands and 4 gavotte steps round to places	4 measures
	2 slow steps back to places.	1 measurc
	Girls courtesy, boys bow	2 measures
IV.	Couple number two join right hands to form an arch. First boy and first girl cast off and with 4 gavotte steps go down below couple number two, meet, and come up under arch to places	
	At the same time, couple number three joins right hands and with 4 gavotte steps, passes up under arch, casts off and goes down to place.	
	On the fourth measure, couple number two drop hands and take 1 gavotte step turning in place and join left hands for the arch on the last count of the measure. Third girl and third boy cast off and go up outside of set, meet, and go down passing under arch to places	4 measures
	At the same time, couple number one goes down under arch, right hands joined, casts off and returns to places.	
	Girls courtesy, boys bow, twice to partners.	4 measures
	All face front and girls courtesy, boys bow	4 measures

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THE CLOCK

For very little children

Form a circle round the room single file. While the introduction is played the children wait.

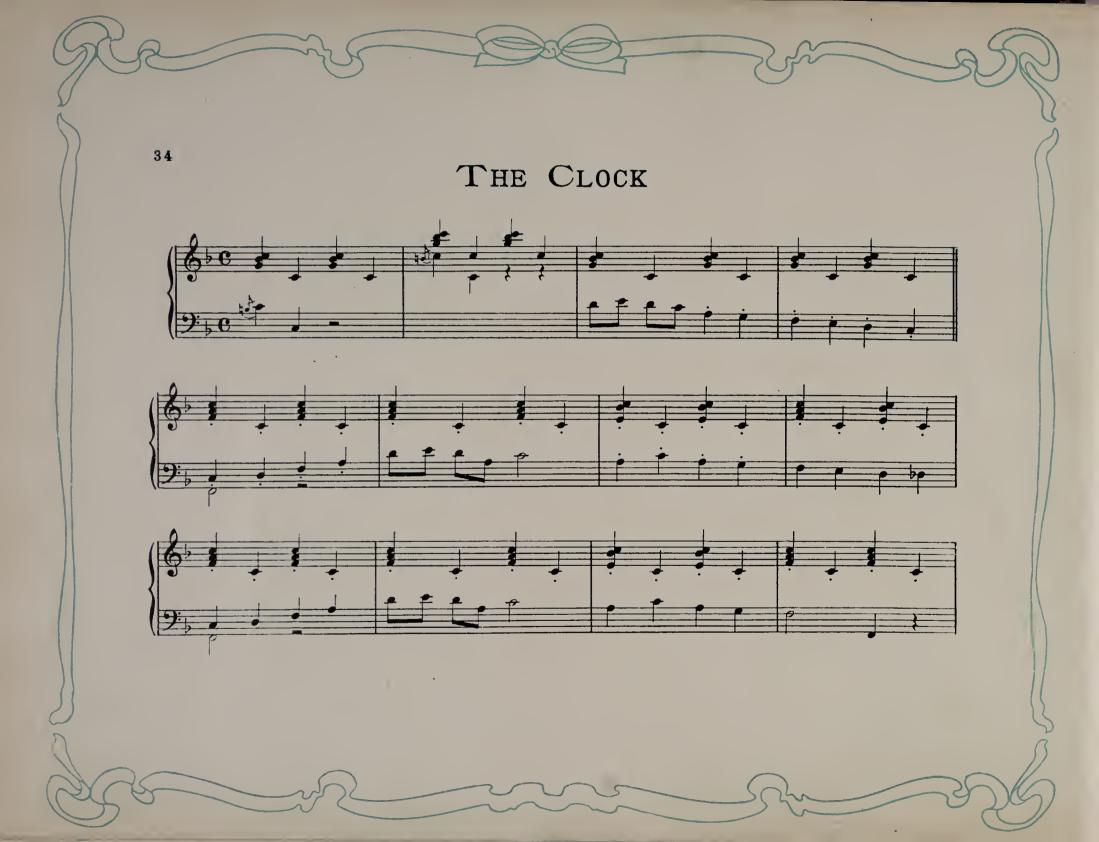
I. The children walk round circle with a natural walking step swinging arms, one forward, one backward, pendulum rhythm. As they walk round the circle they speak the words.



children wish to indicate. The striking is made by repeating the last note in the bass of the eighth measure. As the clock strikes the children stand still and clap their hands.

II. Repeat the words through the next 8 measures and strike again. The children stand still swinging their arms and saying: Tick-Tock; Tick-Tock; etc., through the 4 measures of interlude.

III. Repeat I. 8 measures.

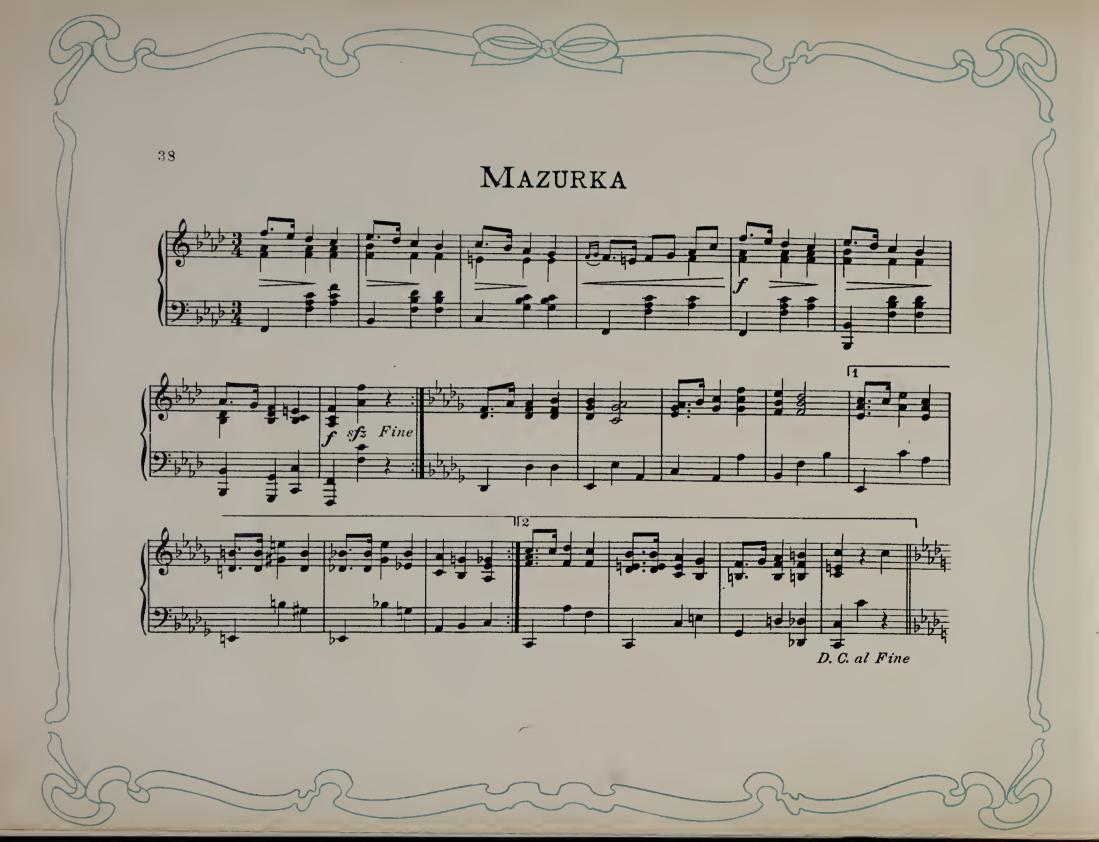




MAZURKA 36 Description of Steps Mazurka Step Step to right, hop on left and strike heels in air (1), slide right foor to side (2). Waltz Balance Step Step right to side (1), bring left to right and rise on toes (2) heels sink (3)...... 1 measure Waltz balance step may also be made forward and backward. Waltz Step Step on right foot (1), slide on left (2), bring right up and cut left out (3)...... 1 measure DESCRIPTION OF DANCE Formation: Square set of eight. First couple stands with their backs to front of room. Number couples clockwise. Introduction: All move forward two waltz balance steps 2 measures Face partners and two waltz balance steps right and left 2 measures Figure I. Girls give left hands across centre and with 12 running steps go round three places, counter-clockwise, i. e., first girl to second girl's place, etc. 4 measures At the same time each boy changes places with the boy on his right, using 4 mazurka steps, i. e., first and fourth Loy change places, etc. All waltz balance to corners 2 measures Boys give right hands across centre and with 12 running steps go round three places, clockwise, i. e., first boy, who is now in fourth boy's place, goes to third boy's place 4 measures At the same time each girl changes places with the girl on her left, using 4 mazurka steps, i. e., first girl, who is now in second girl's place, changes with the girl who is in third girl's place.

All waltz balance to partners	2 measures
All waitz balance to corners	2 measures
Girls again give left hands across centre and go round three places, counter-clock- wise, i. e., first girl who is now in third girl's place, moves round to fourth	
girl's place	
All waltz balance to partners	2 measures
All waltz balance to corners	2 measures
Boys give right hands across centre and go round three places, clockwise, i. e., first	
boy, who is in second boy's place, goes to his original place	4 measures
At the same time, each girl changes places with the girl on the left, using 4 mazurka steps, i. e., first girl who is now in fourth girl's place, changes with the girl who is in her original place.	
All waltz balance to partners	2 measures
All waltz balance to corners	2 measures
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Figure II.	2
(a.) 2 waltz balance steps facing partners	2 measures
With 6 running steps change places with partners	2 measures
2 waltz balance steps facing corners	2 measures
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First boy is now in fourth boy's place, etc.	
(b.) Those who are now in first and third couples' places face, and with 4 mazurka steps	
change places, boys passing on the outside, girls between	4 measures
Those who are now in second and fourth couples' places do the same	
Repeat (a.) from present positions	
Repeat (b.)	3 measures
All are now in original places.	
Repeat introduction	3 measures
Figure III.	
All join hands in a ring, take 12 running steps round counter-clockwise	4 measures
12 running steps clockwise to places.	4 mensures
Give right hands to partners and with 4 waltz steps turn all the way round to places	4 mensures
Give left hands to corners and with 4 waitz steps turn all the way round to places	3 measures
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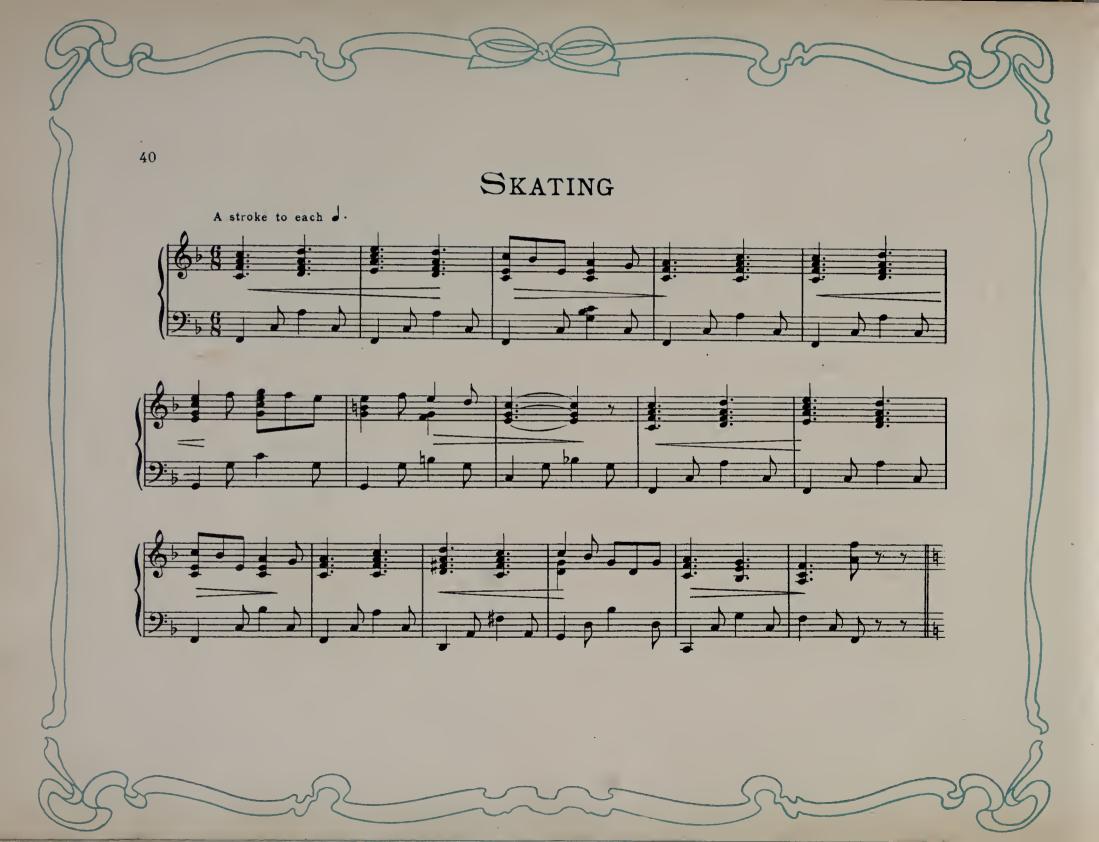
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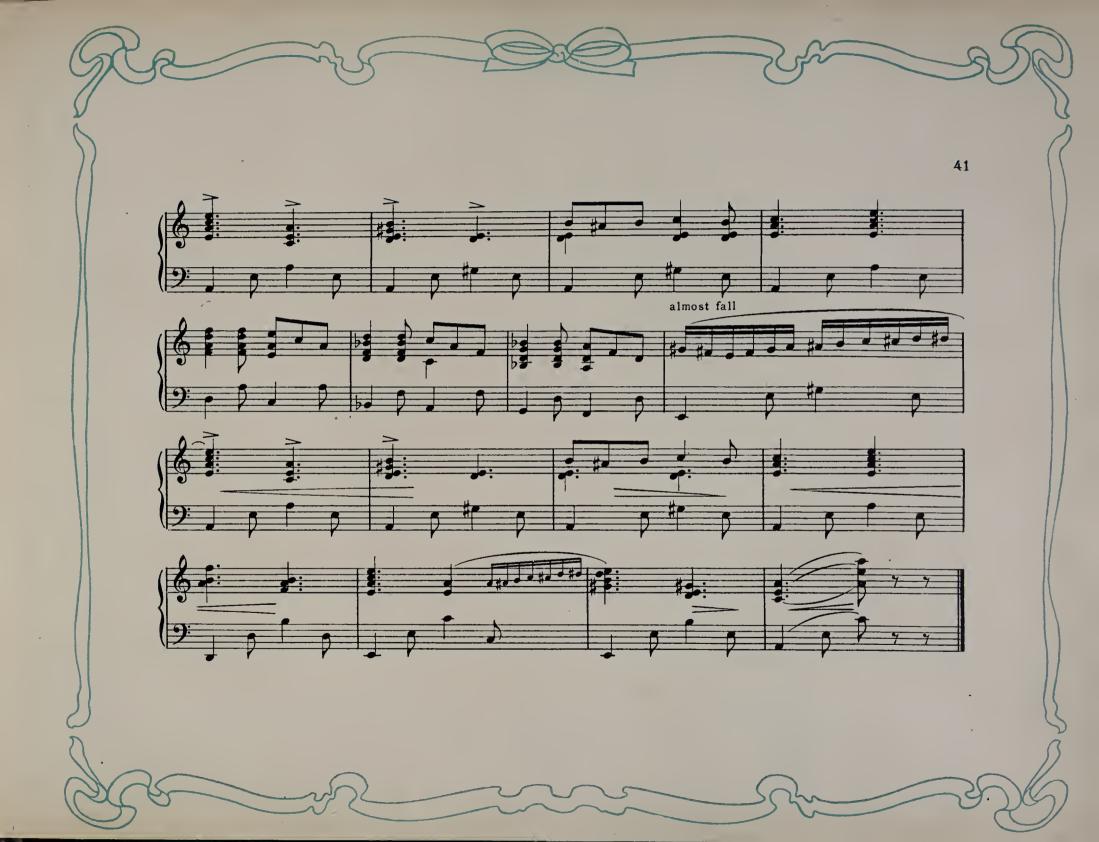


SKATING

Description of Steps

Description of Steps.				
First Step.				
Slide forward on right foot (1-2-3).				
Slide forward on left foot (4-5-6)				
Second Step.				
Two slides diagonally forward right measure				
Two slides diagonally forward left				
Third Step. Step right foot to side, bring left foot back of right, slide right straight forward, long slide bending kneel measure Step to left, bring right foot back of left, take a short slide forward left				
Description of Dance.				
Formation. In couples round room, facing counter-clockwise.				
Figure I.				
Partners join right hands and left hands. Both begin with right foot and go				
forward with First Step				
Figure II.				
Change to Second Step and go forward				
Figure III. Change to Third Step and go forward 16 measures				
Boy puts right arm around girls waist and takes her right hand in				
his right hand, left hands joined in front.				
Use third step. Take the long slide straight to the front. On the				
first short slide, both turn facing in opposite directions, girl				
passing in front to opposite side of partner, keeping hands				
joined.				
Repeat the long slide in new direction, girl changes back to right				
side of partner on the short slide. Repeat long slide forward				
in new direction and on short slide girl again changes sides				
and both turn to original direction. Continue				
through16 measures				
Figure V.				
Repeat Figure I. 8 measures				
Repeat Figure II. 8 measures The dance may be continued as a game of "Follow the Leader", the leading				
couple combining the steps in any order they like, or creating new steps for				
themselves.				





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THE PARADE

For very little children

Choose some of the children to be spectators; a few sitting on the grand-stand, others standing in the street.

Form a company of soldiers, of firemen, of policemen, of working men, of school children—any group of people the children may suggest. Be guided by the season of the year or the happenings of the times.

Have the parade reviewed by someone of importance on the grand-stand, have it cheered by the by-standers, etc., etc.



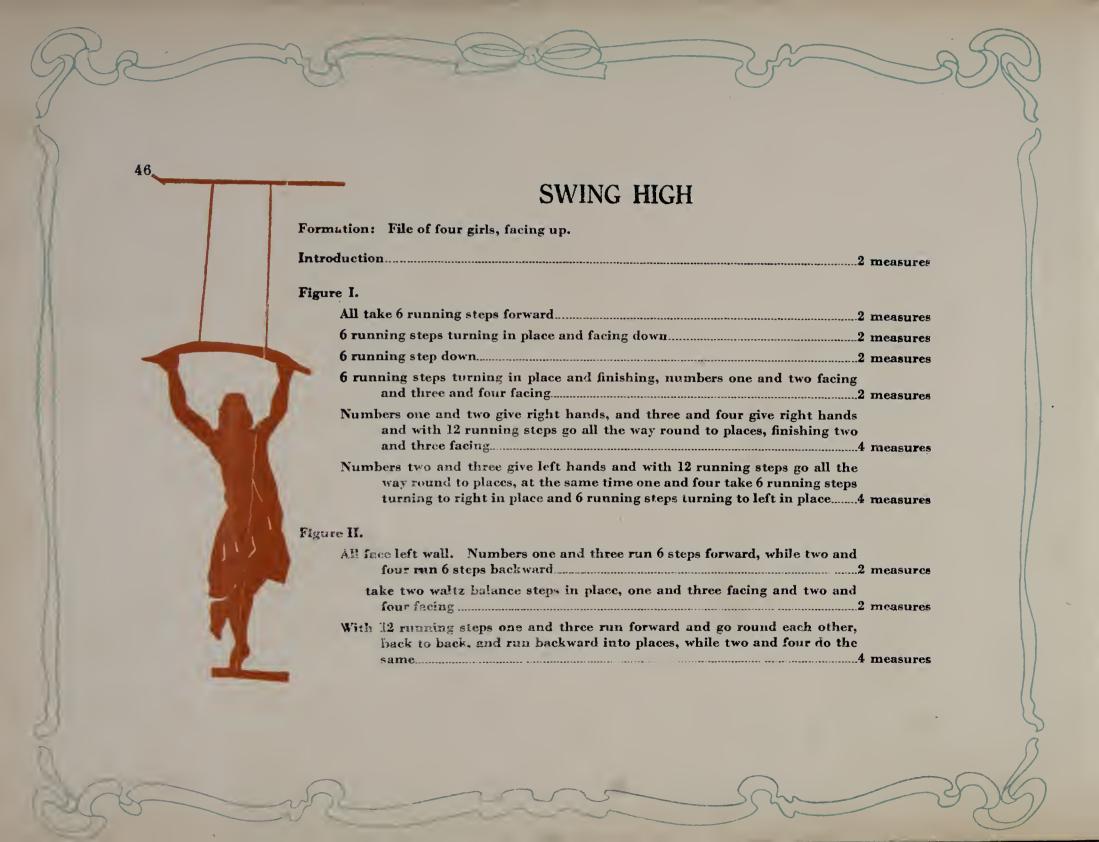


PARADE



44 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Formation; Set of eight, longways. Cross right foot behind left, hop and step cutting left foot out of place (1-2) Jig-Step; All facing up. Begin outside foot, skip forward.......4 measures Finish facing down. Repeat, skipping down_____4 measures Repeat jig-step, facing partners......4 measures II. Face partners, hands on hips, heel and toe right, heel and toe left......2 measures Skip forward, passing partners right Repeat heel and toe_____2 measures Skip back to places, passing right shoulders 2 measures III. Couples number one and number two join hands in a circle of four. Couples number three and four do the same. All skip all the way round to places 4 measures First boy and first girl cast off and skip to bottom of set, the other couples move up one place......4 measures Repeat the Figure until couple number one has again reached original place.





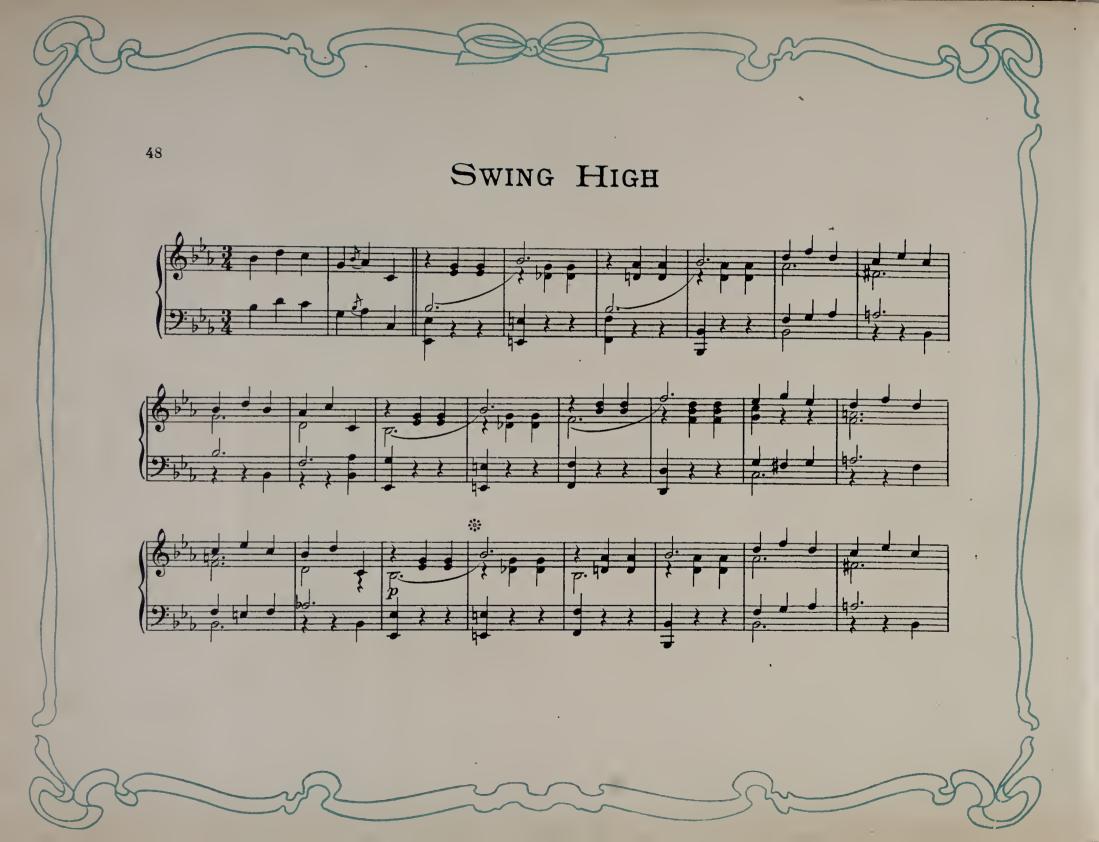
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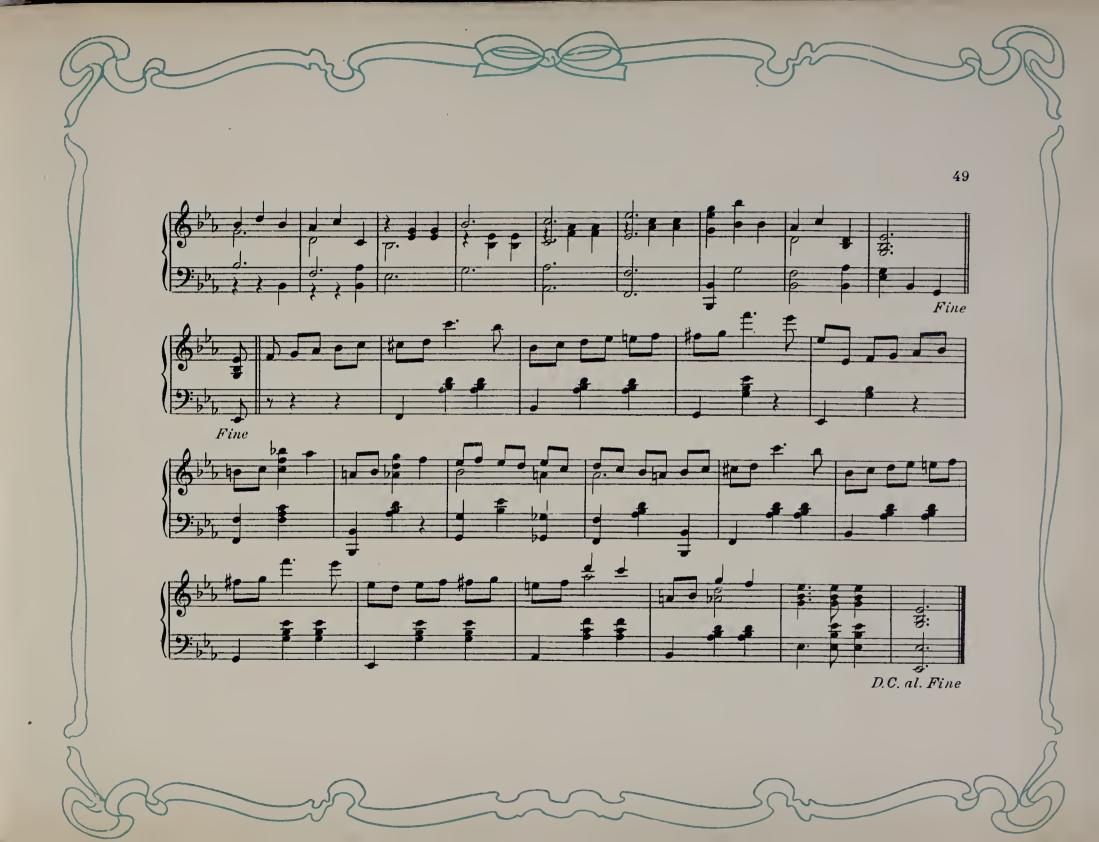
All take 4 waltz balance steps in place, finishing all facing left wall	4 measures	
Numbers one and three run 6 steps backward, while two and four run 6 steps		
forward into original places	2 measures	
All take 6 running steps turning in place	2 measures	

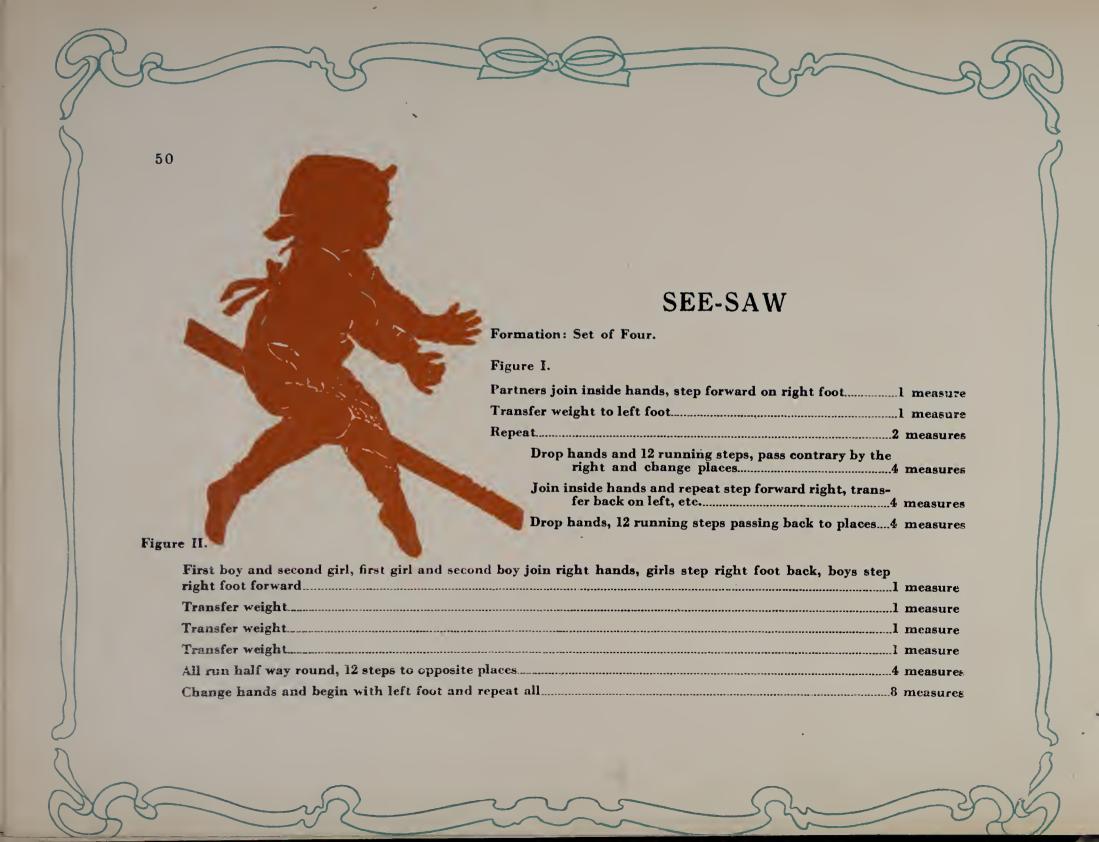
Figure III.

Figure IV.

All face left wall and join hands.	Waltz balance step forward and back4 measures
12 running steps forward	4 measures
Waltz balance, forward and back	4 measures
	2 measures
	2 measures







SEE - SAW 51 Figure III. All join hands in a ring and with 12 running steps go round clockwise to places4 measures Figure IV. Figure V.







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DANCE OF THE ELVES

For very little children

I.	During the first eight measures the elves creep softly out of the woods
II.	All join hands in a ring and run round 8 measures All run forward 2 measures All run backward 2 measures
	All drop hands and run about playfully
III.	As they play, choose partners and run round in a circle two and two
IV.	All drop hands and dance about, as music ends all scamper back to the woods.





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THE BROOK

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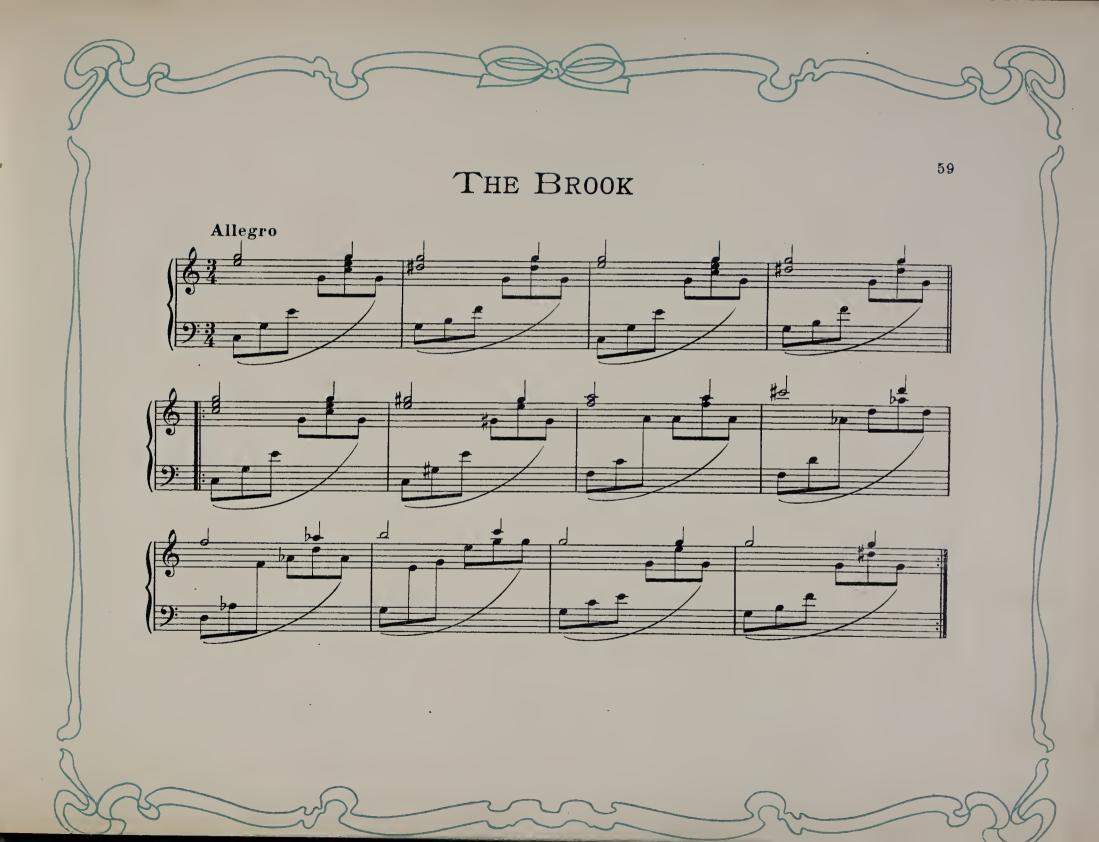
Description of step used all through the game: A little running step, one step to each beat, three steps to a measure Formation: All the children join hands in a long line.

1. Lead slowly round the room. (The stream flows smoothly and softly)



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- II. Wind up. (A pool)
- III. Unwind. (The stream flows straight again)
- IV. Double the line as in countermarch. (The brook doubles itself)
- V. All let go of hands, turn around and join hands again. Repeat. (The brook goes over many stones)
- VI. Form a circle, the first and the last child join hands, lead across the circle and pass under the upraised hands of the two children directly opposite, separate and pass round the outside of the circle, meet, pass, and form single file. (The brook goes around a large hill)
- VII. Leader passes under the arms of every fourth child. (The brook winds in and out)
- VIII. Lead again to single file, the second child steps up beside leader still keeping her hand. One by one, three, four, five, etc. step up until they are all abreast. (The brook becomes a broad river)

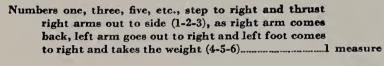




SWIMMING

Formation. Single file, all facing front.

- - II. Side-Stroke



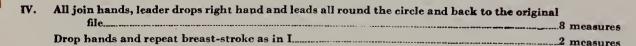
At the same time, numbers two, four, six, etc., take the movement to the left.

Numbers one, three, five, etc., repeat to the left, while two, four, six, etc., repeat to the right......4 measures

All are now in original places.

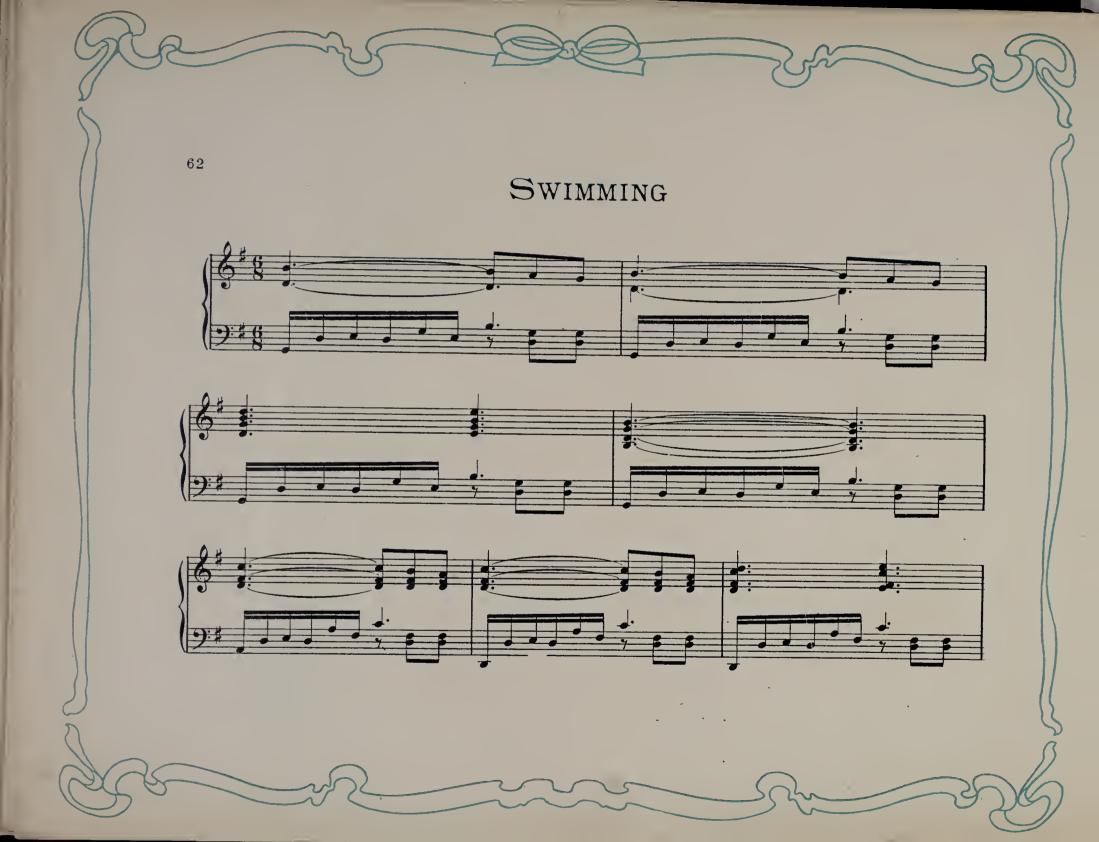
III. All join hands and with little running steps, (one step to each beat of the measure), go round to form a circle..4 measures

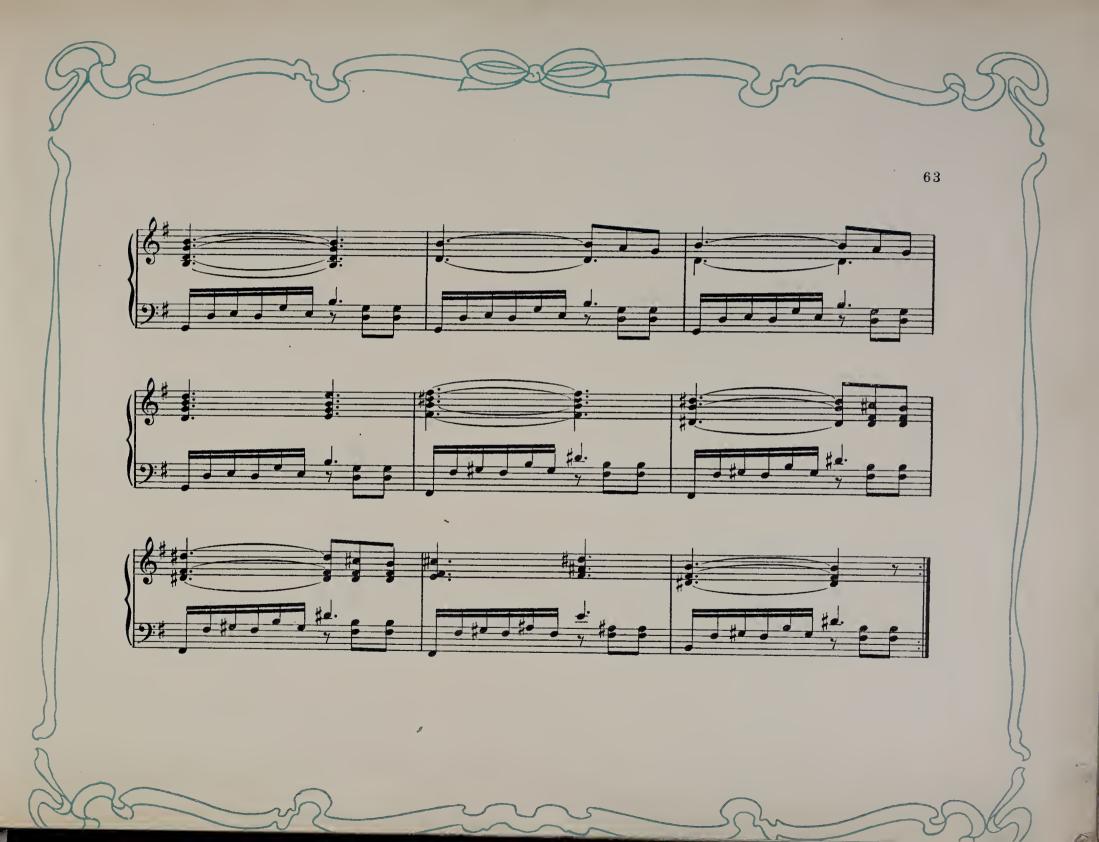
Drop hands and 6 running steps turning to right in place..2 measures

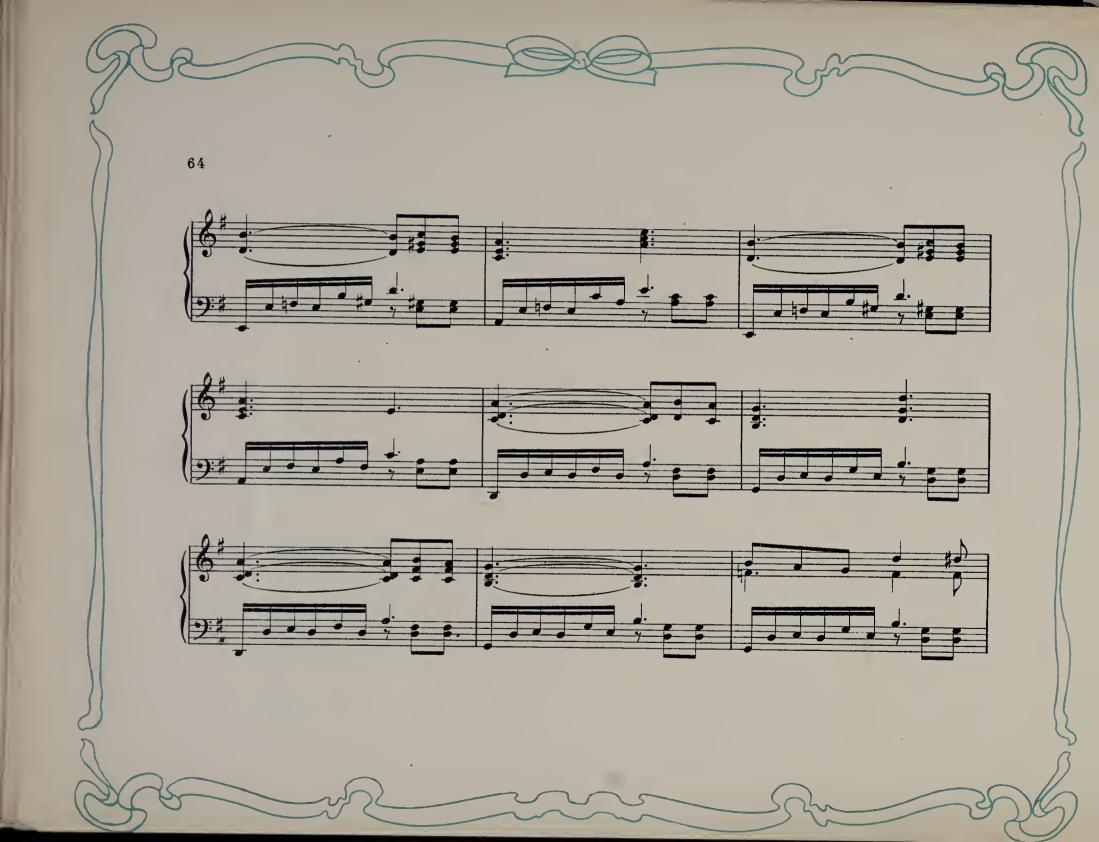


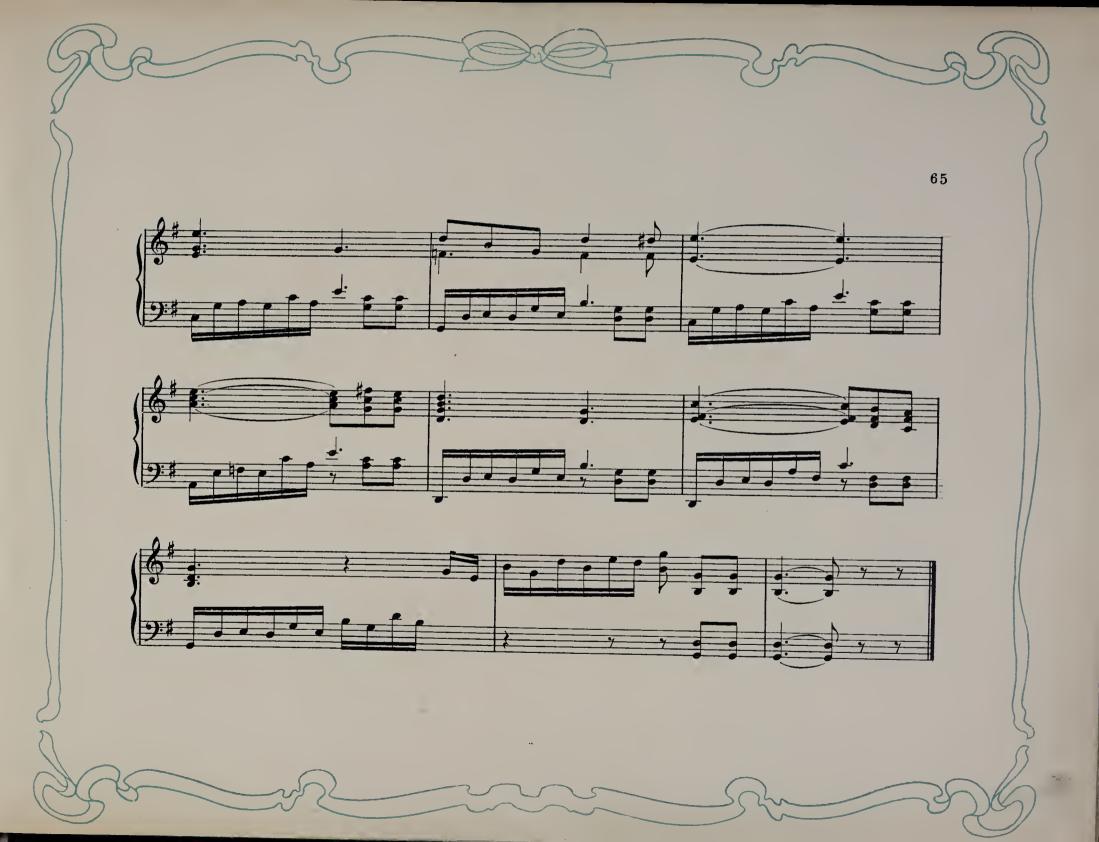


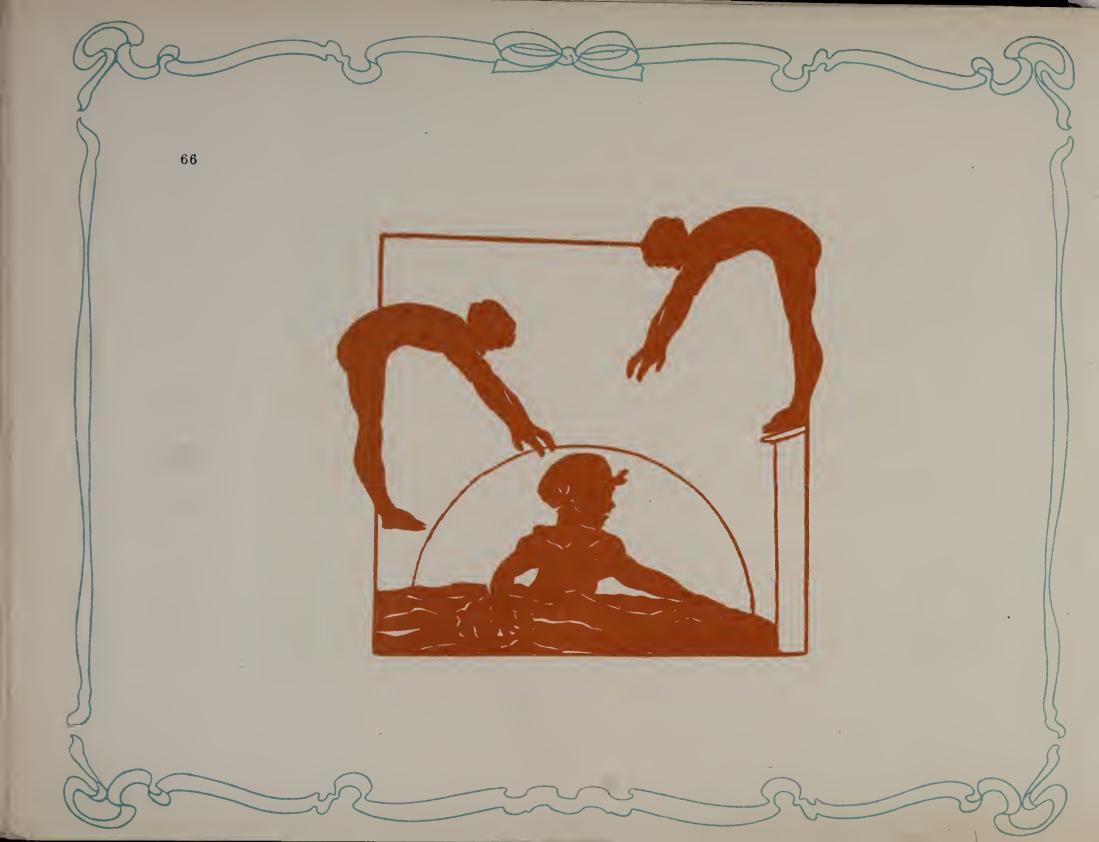












THE DRAGON FLY

A Dance

I.	Step forward on right foot, swing arms down and back, leap forward and hop on left foot, arm	s swinging over
	head	1 measure
	Three-step-turn to right, arms out	I measure
	Repeat	I measure
	Three-step-turn to left, arms out	2 measures
	Repeat from the beginning	6 measures
	Take three cross-running-steps back	1 measure
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II.	Step on right, swing arms down and back, leap forward and hop on left, arms over head	1 measure2 measures1 measure
	Repeat from the beginning	3 measures
III.	3 cross-running-steps back	1 measure
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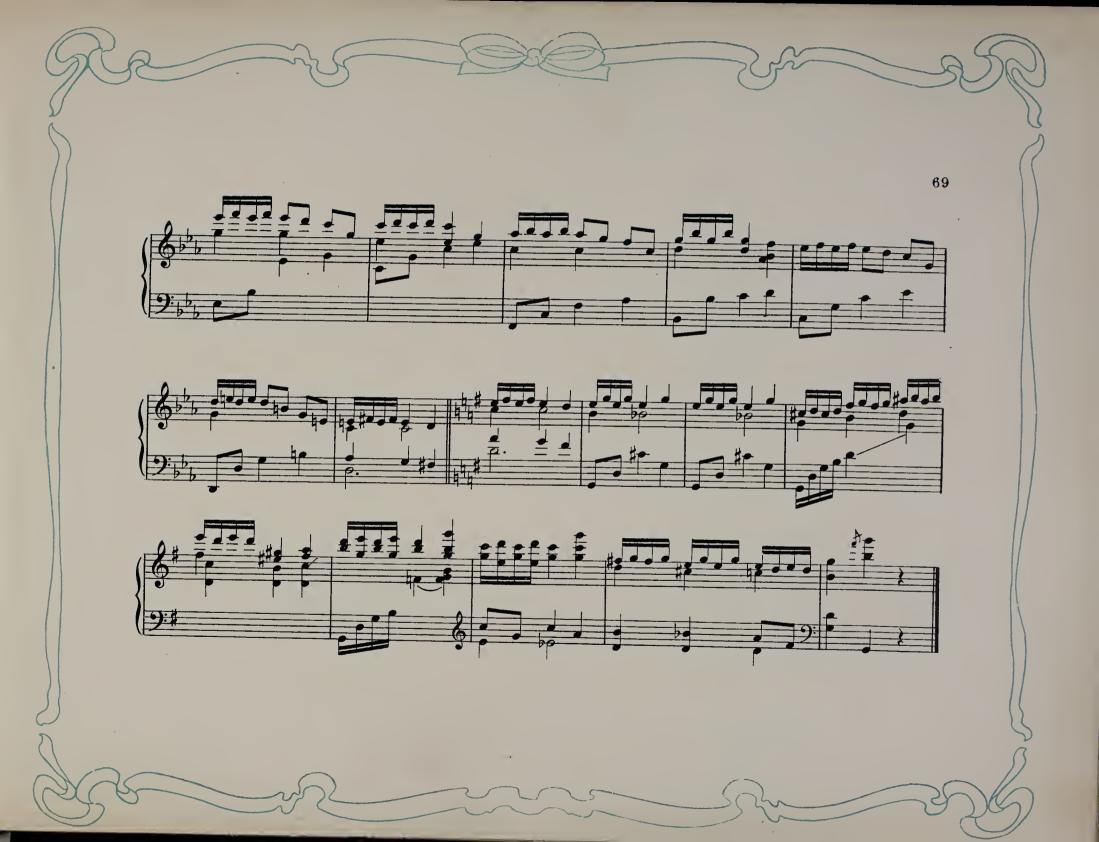
Divide the room by drawing a chalk line on the floor. One side is land, the other water. On one side there are children representing tall reeds growing in the water; on the other side, the land, there are children representing dragon flies. There must be one more dragon fly than there are reeds. The odd dragon fly stands a little way off and behind the others.

When the music begins the reeds wave in the wind and the dragon flies fly about over the land, all in perfect rhythm with the music. At the end of the first strain, or at the accompanists' will, the music stops and each dragon fly tries to reach a reed. When there is a child beside each reed and one is left over, the one left over sits down and one of the reeds becomes a dragon fly.

Then the game begins again.

The dragon fly who remains the longest wins.





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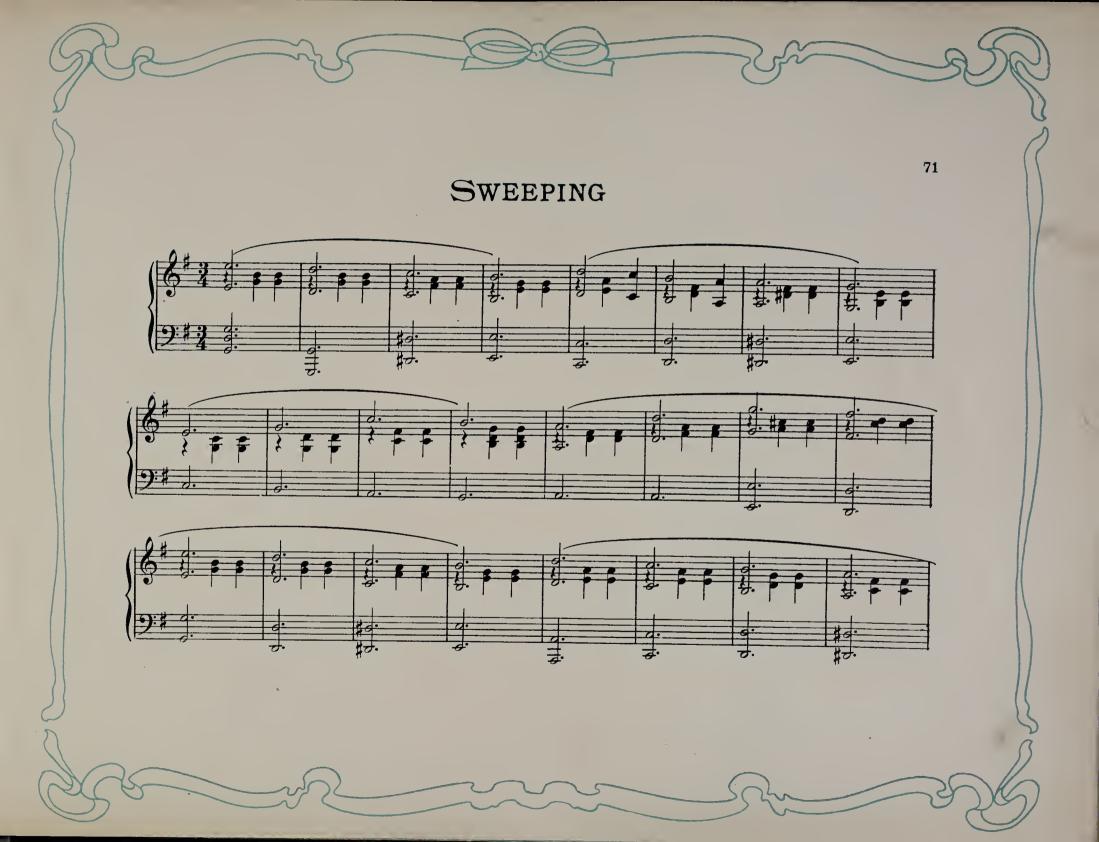
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SWEEPING

Formation: In couples round the room, partners facing. Number the couples, one, two; onc, two, etc.







PONIES

Formation: In couples, facing up. Partners join inside hands. Couple number one and couple number two join hands, still facing in the same direction. Couples 3 and 4, 5 and 6, etc., do the same.

Two ponies and two drivers are in each set of four.

I. Ti	rot.
	Small running step on toes, (one step on
	each beat of the measure) 4 measures
	The leaders let go of partners hands, trot round and become drivers 4 measures
	The new ponies and drivers repeat the trot
	forward
	Repeat change of drivers, etc. 4 measures
	Repeat all twice
II. G	Salloping. Begin outside foot, leap forward, bring inside foot up, take the weight, cut out the outside foot, 1-2, repeat 3-4 I measure
	Repeat 3 measures Trot forward 4 measures
	Repeat galloping 4 measures
	Repeat trotting
III.	
	Ponies paw restlessly with outside foot 2 measures
	Trot forward 2 measures
	Paw inside foot
	Trot forward 2 measures
	Repeat8 measures

IV.

Second time through the ponies may be driven to the stable without changing drivers. As they near the stable, break into a trot on the last eight measures.

The above steps are suggestions. Allow the children to carry out their own ideas.

THE RACE

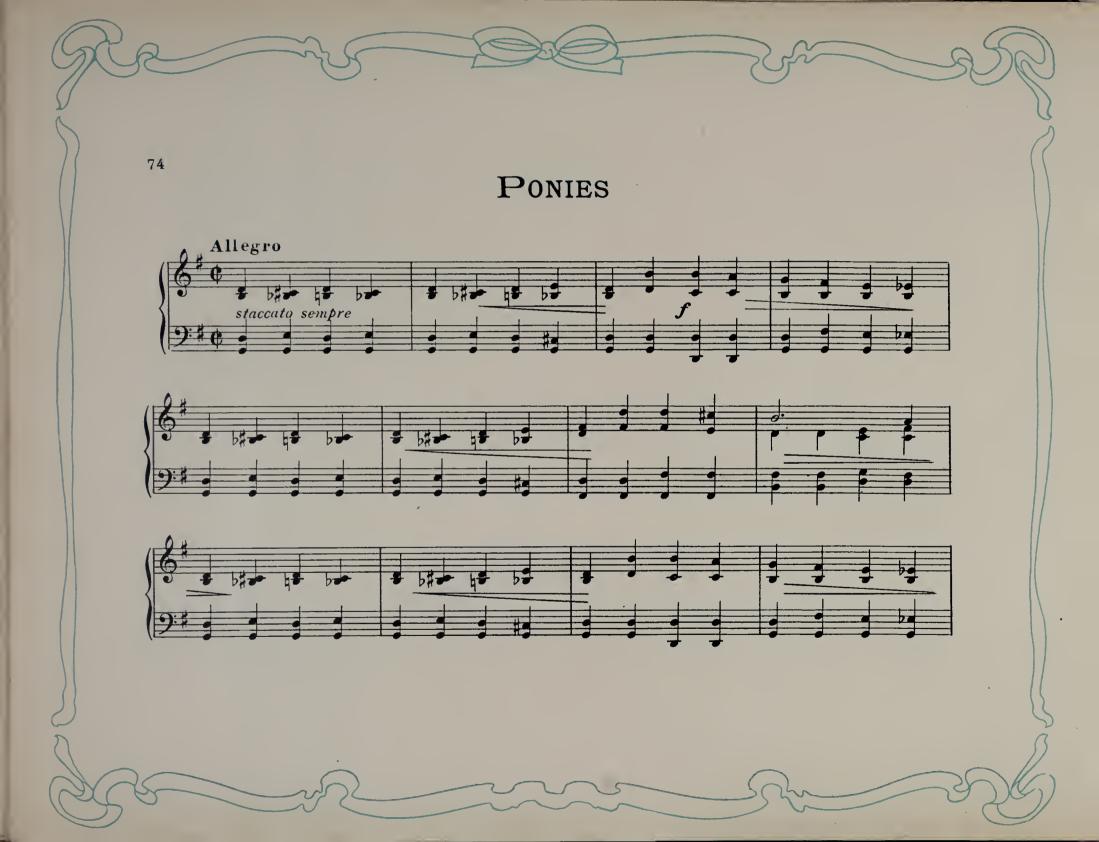
Select as many sets of ponies and drivers as there are children.

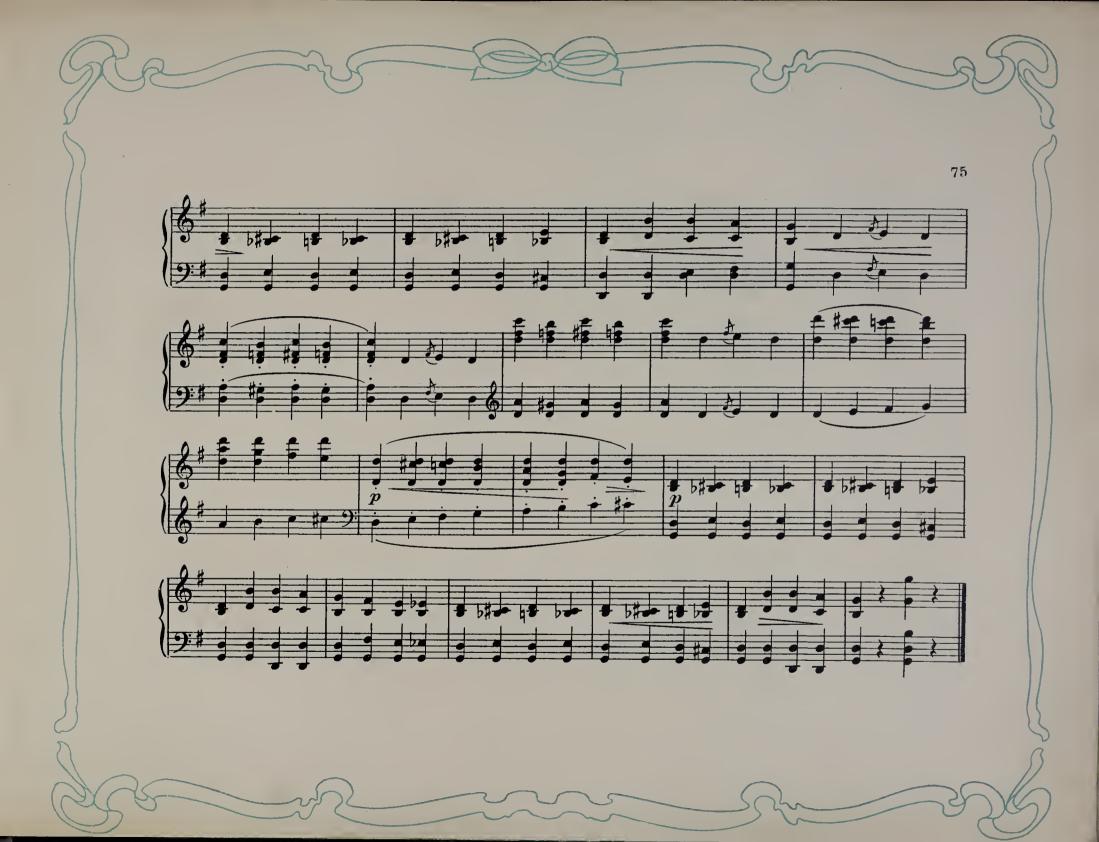
Arrange three sets of ponies and drivers on a straight line across the room.

At a signal, they start, using any step they like but keeping time to the music.

The set who reach the chosen goal first, win. This set may race the winner in the next group of three.

This continues until there is only one set left.



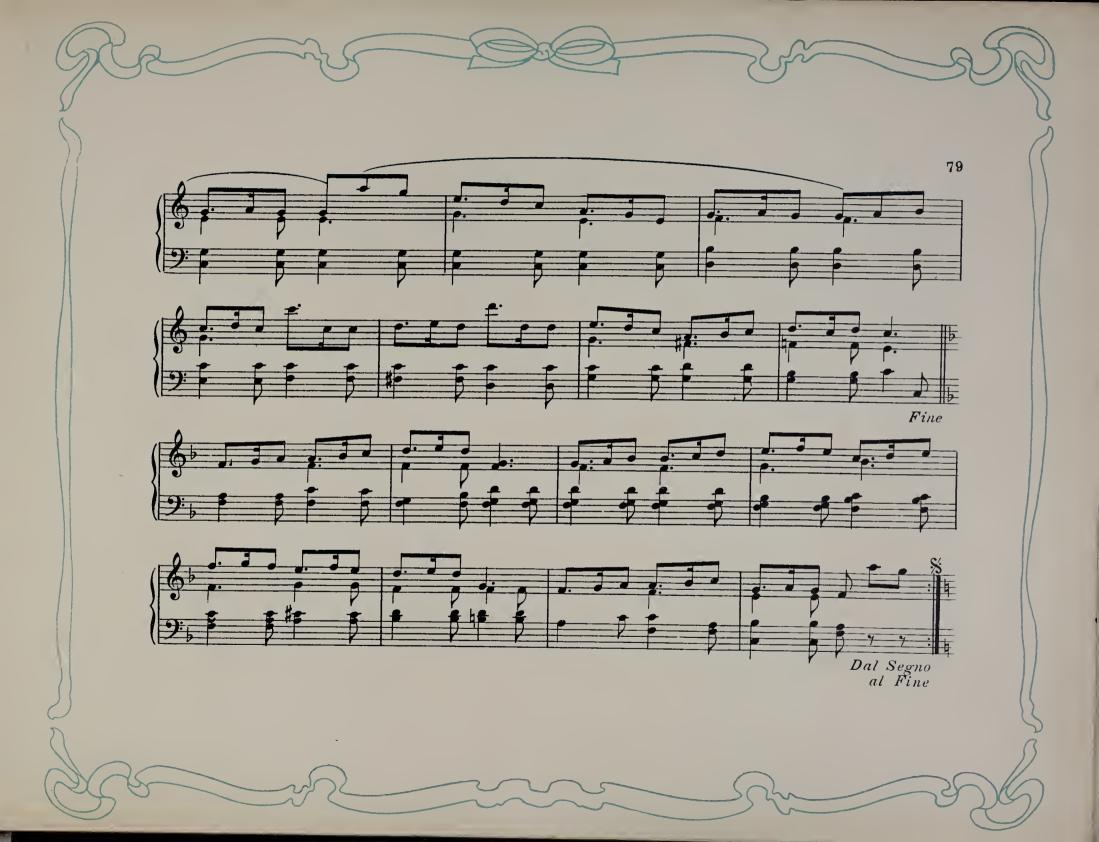




A MERRY GO ROUND

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Formation: A ring in couples, facing counter-clockwise. Number couples, one two; one two; etc.		
Figure I.		
Join inside hands and all skip forward round ring Turn, change hands and skip back	4 measures	
	4 measures	
Figure II.		
Number one boys and number two girls; number one girls and number two boys, join right hands diagonally across and skip round to places.	A	
All change and give left hands diagonally across and skip round to places.	4 measures	
Figure III.		
Couples number one and number two face and join inside hands. Couples number one pass under the	e	
upraised hands of couples number two, 4 skipping steps.	2 measures	
Pass back eouples number two going under	2 measures	
Couples number one repeat going under	2 measures	
Repeat the over and under and turning with the next couple in order	2 measures	
Repeat	4 measures	
4	.8 measures	
Figure IV.		
Partners link left arms and skip round to places	9 managamas	
arthers that left arms and skip round to places	9	
All skip forward	4 measures	
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Figure V.		
All chin turning in a ring and skip round counter-clockwise.	4	
An saip turning in piace	9	
Bow to partners.	2 measures	
	4 ineasures	





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THE WIND

Tell the children the character of the wind as it comes from the several directions. (See suggestion below) Let the run about to the rhythm of the music, expressing the character of the winds.

The Wind

This is the North Wind. Howl, Whoop, Whistle, Roar! It shouts down chimneys and bangs at the doors. It brings the snow and the hail and turns the rivers to ice. It nips our noses and toes and beats us about and says: "Jump, run, hurry, come fight with me!"

This is the South Wind. Breathing, murmuring, sighing, singing. It plays in the fields and rustles the leaves. It makes the streams sing and the flowers dance. It calls us to come out of doors and says: Dance, sing, play with me, play with me."

This is the East Wind. It is chilly and damp and brings the fog and rain. It splashes the windows and washes the streets, and drops a fog curtain round every house. It makes us shiver and want to go home. It says: "Come tell a long story and keep up the fire."

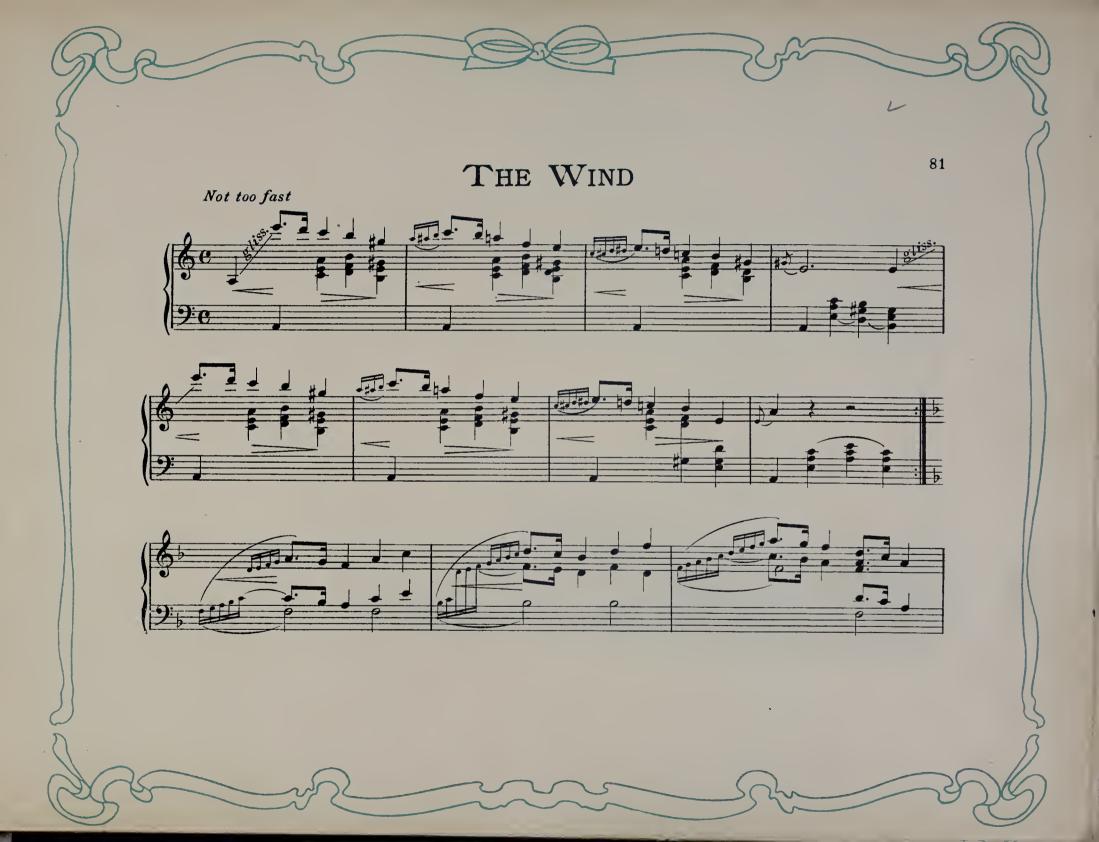
This is the West Wind. Softly, softly; gently, gently it blows and gathers the great thunder clouds. It piles them and piles them and drives them and drives them, growing stronger and stronger and louder and louder. Then, swoop—and glare—and crash—comes the storm: But when the clouds pass, softly, softly; gently, gently, blows the West Wind and says: "Fear me and love me".

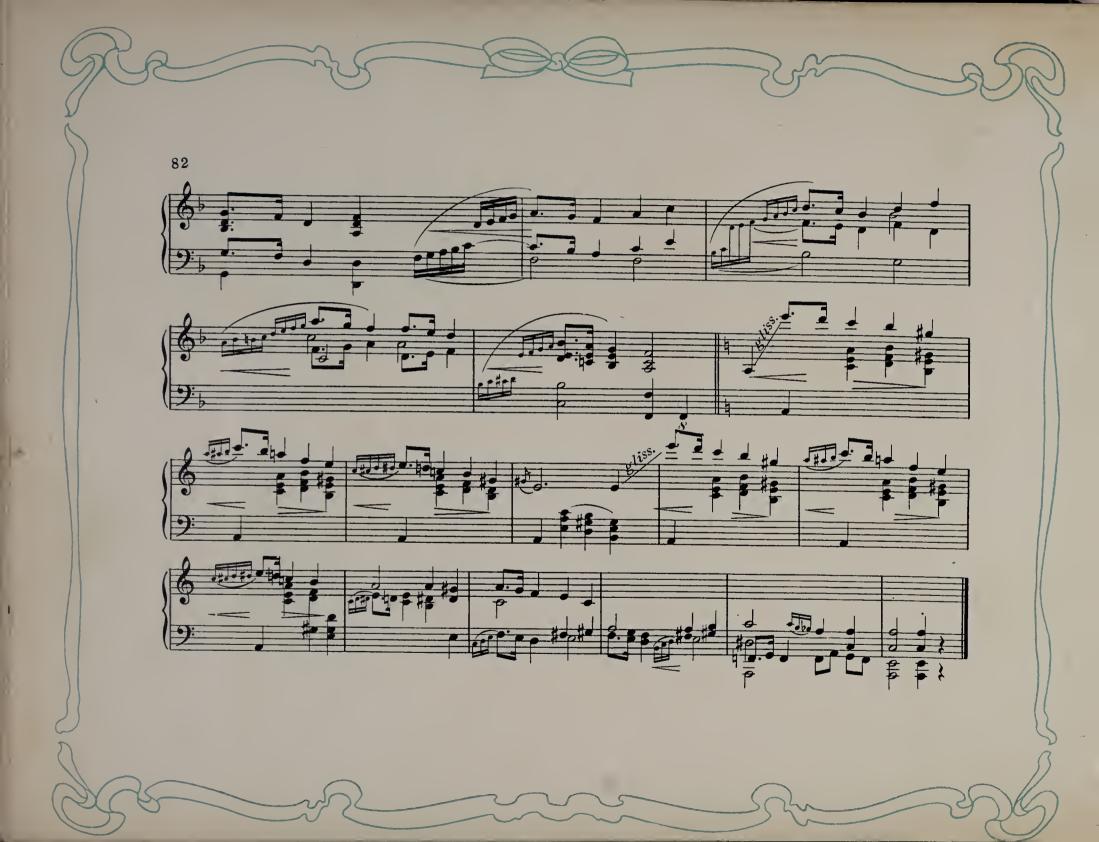
THE WIND GAME

(Adapted)

Choose one child to be the weather-man, who gives the word from which direction the wind is to blow. The other children are the wind.

When the weather-man says the wind is from the north, all the children run toward the south wall of the room. When he says the wind is from the east, they all run to the west wall. When he says south-west, they run to the north-east. Continue the game using all the points of the compass and changing their order frequently.



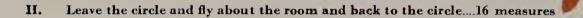




For very little children.

I. Select one child as leader, all fly round in a circle keeping quite far apart........16 measures

Use a running step, one step on each beat of the measure, arms out moving softly, a wing movement.







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Form in couples round the room.

I.	runing kope.		
	Join inside hands, polka steps forward beginning with outside foot		
	Change hands and two polka steps in opposite direction.	4	measures
	Polka step, turning away from partner.	2	measures
	Three stamps in place, arms over head as if pulling rope	~	measure

II. Rowing.

IV.

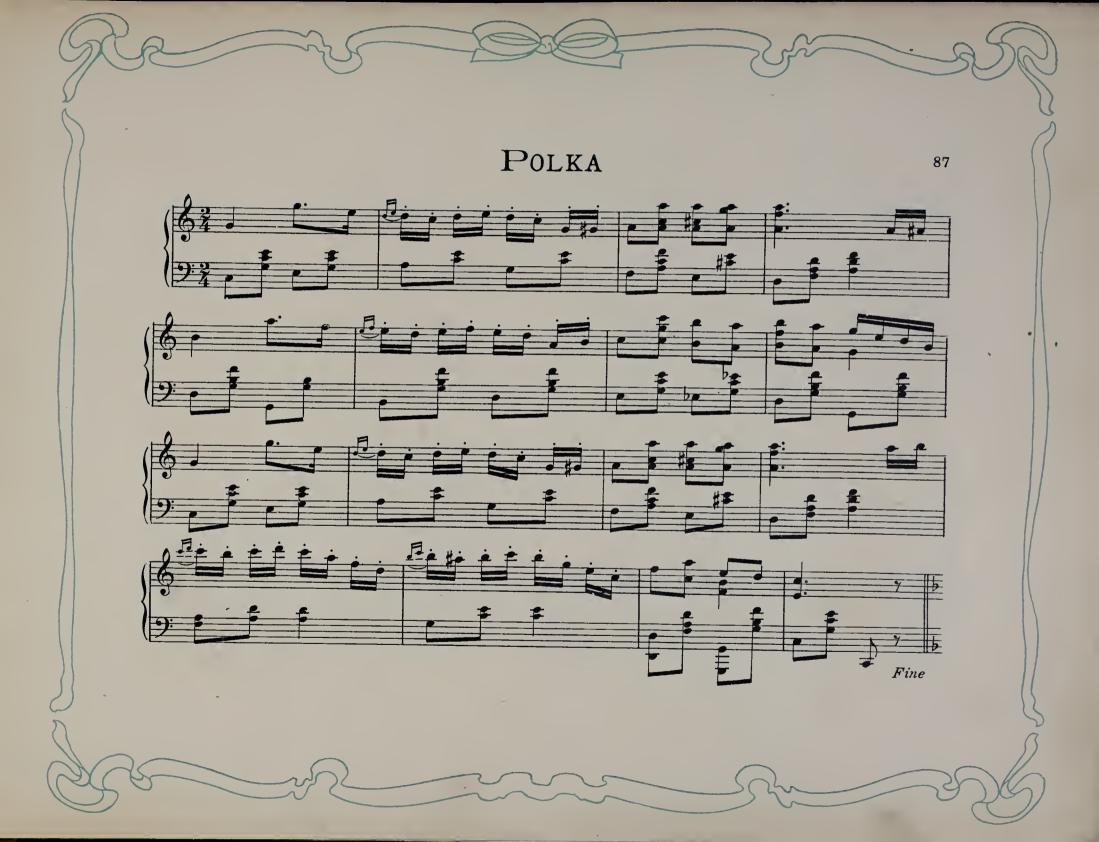
Begin with outside foot, run forward two long steps, (1-2)	1 measure
3 small running steps forward (1-2-3)	1 measure
With inside foot spring forward, reaching down with hands;	
spring back straightening body and bringing hands to	
chest	2 measures
Repeat all three times	
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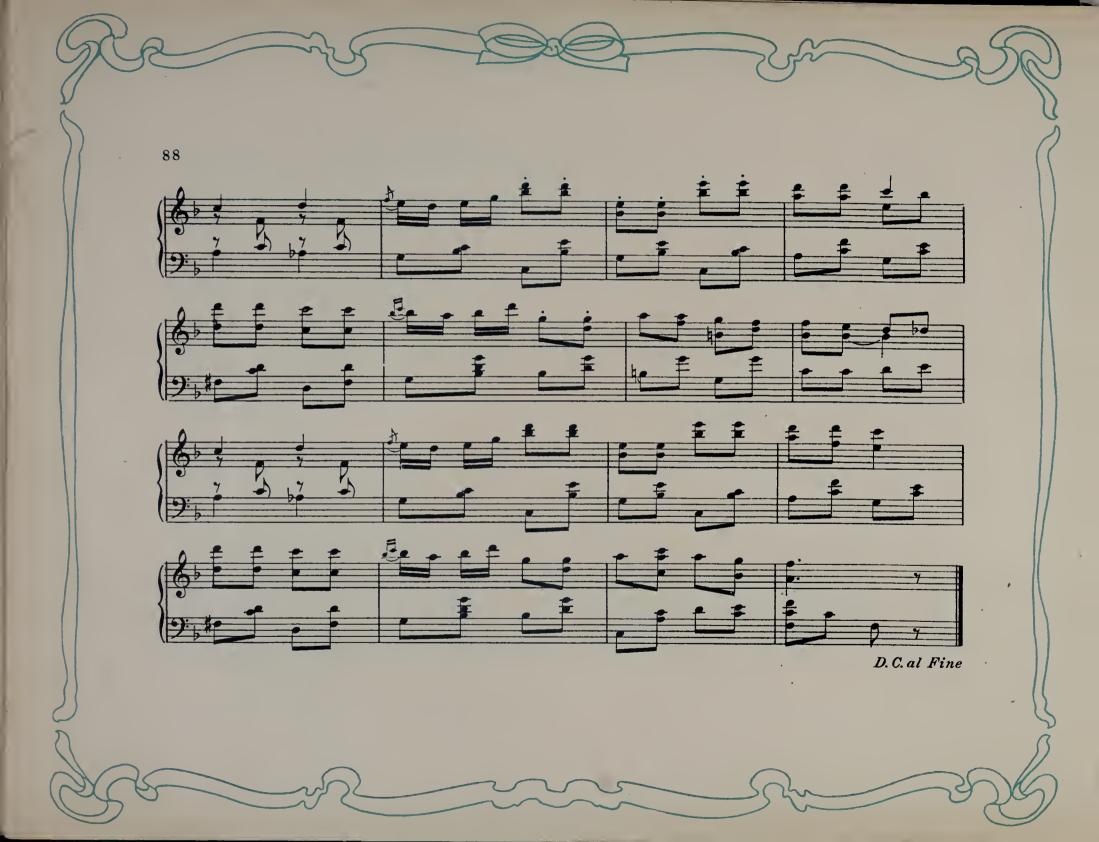
III. The Look-Out.

Repeat ad lib.

Begin outside foot, hand shading eyes.	
Turn slightly away from partner, take one long step diagonally	
forward, step across in front of outside foot with inside	
foot	1 measure
Polka step in place facing partner, hands on hips	1 measure
Repeat the long steps, beginning inside foot, going back to	
partner	1 measure
Take partner's hands, shake them heartily and polka step in	
place	1 measure
Repeat all	
Join inside hands and polka step forward	7 measures
Step away from partner and salute	











SKIPPING ROPE

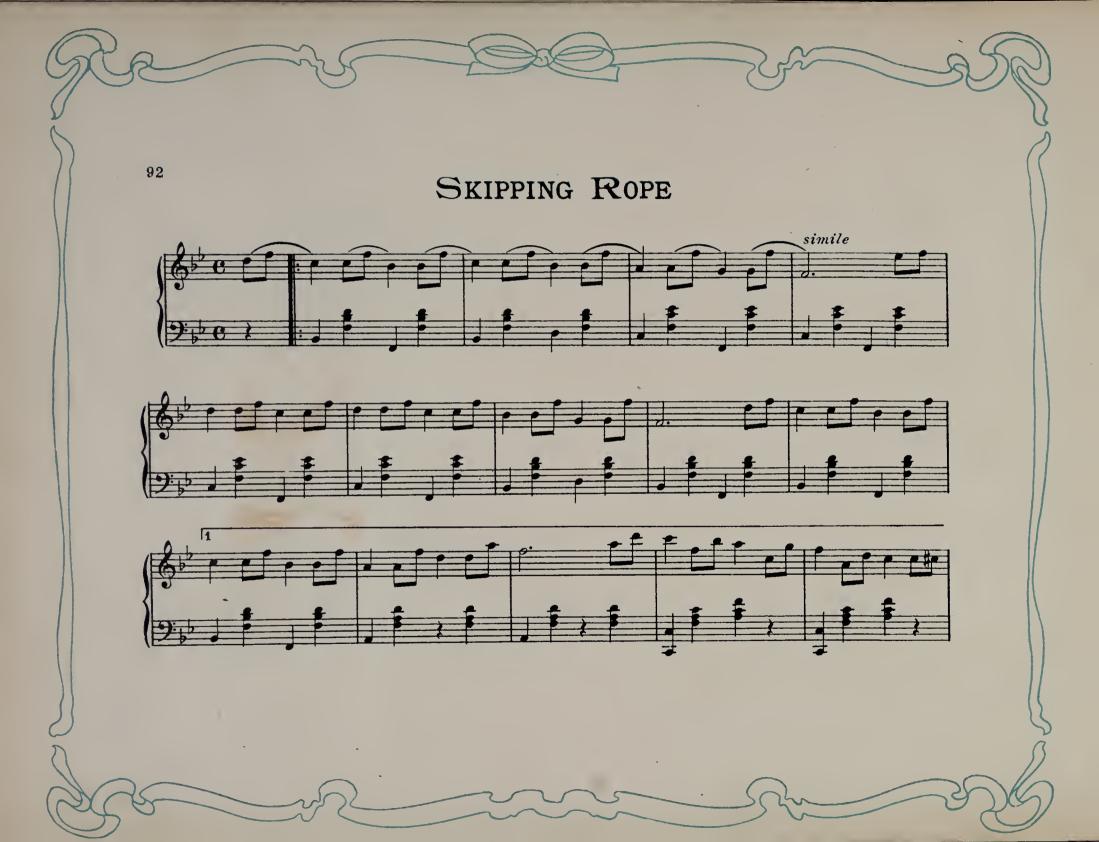
Formation. In couples round the room, all facing counter-clockwise. Number the couples, one, two, three, four, etc.

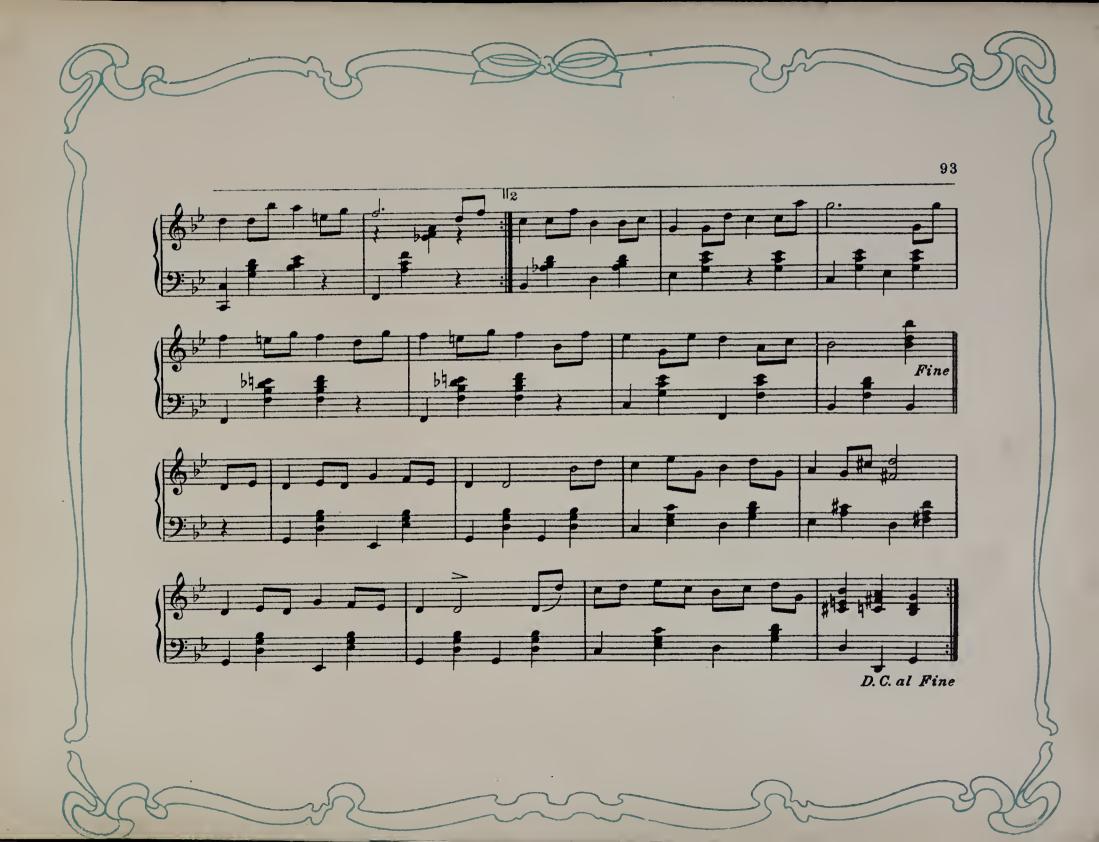
Description of Skipping-Rope-Step used throughout the dance.

Hop forward on right foot(1), hop back on left (2), forward on right (3), back on left (4).....1 measure The hands and fore-arms move in little circles as if turning the rope.

Figure I. All move forward	asur es
Figure II. (Progressive).	
Couple number one starts the progression, the other couples wait until couple number one reaches them.	
First girl and first boy face and with 2 skipping-rope-steps pass each other right shoulders and face again2 me	asures
Pass back to places2 me	asures
First boy and first girl now east off and go down to couple number two's place, while couple number two moves up into couple number one's place2 me	easures
Couple number one takes the step turning in place	asures
All repeat Figure I8 mė	easures
Couple number one now repeats figure two with couple number three, while couple number two waits in place8 me	asures
All repeat Figure I 8 me	easures
Couple number one now dances Figure II, with couple number four, while couple number two dances it with couple number three 8 me	asures
All repeat Figure I 8 me	easures
The Figures are repeated until all are dancing.	







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AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE WE'RE DANCING

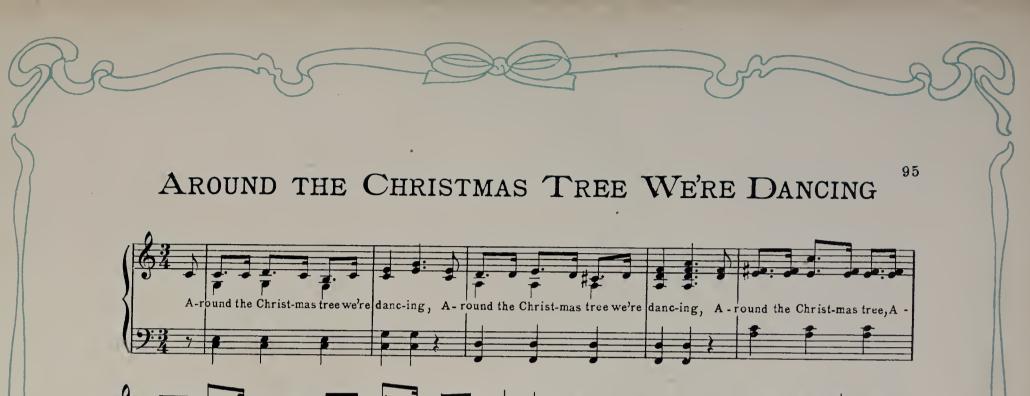
I. Join hands and form a circle round the tree.

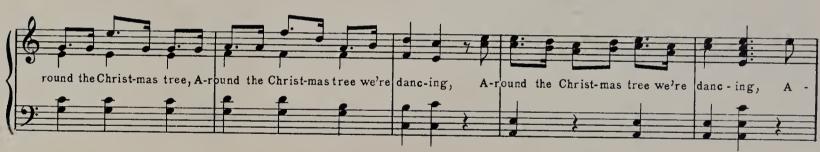
> 4 slips to left, bring heels together and hold_____2 measures 4 slips to right, heels together and hold......2 measures 6 running steps going round the tree.....2 measures Drop hands and 6 running steps turning.....2 measures All join hands, 3 running steps forward toward the tree.....l measure. 2 steps backward (step 1, step 2-3)......1 measure Repeat 3 running steps forward, 2 backward.. 2 measures

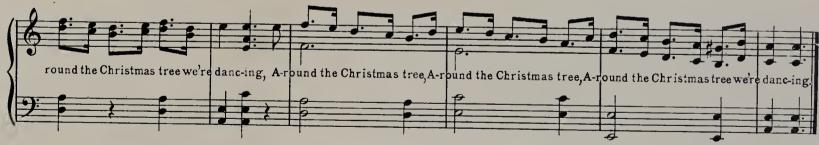
Drop hands, all face left, 12 running steps

Repeat, ad libitum.

round the tree.....4 measures







Repeat ad libitum





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